

arrive at 11.15 a.m. for 11.30. To avoid delay, Members of the Class are advised to bring their lunch with them. The cost of the journey to and from Alton from London will be defrayed by the College.

Arrangements for tea have very kindly been made by the Matron.

#### MISS H. G. BALLARD'S "AT HOME."

On Tuesday, January 25th, 1933, a Reception to meet Fellows and Members of the College, and of the League of Sister Tutors, was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, by Miss H. G. Ballard, M.B.C.N., Member of the Council and Hon. Secretary of the League, who, wearing her Robes, received her guests in the Council Chamber.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President, Miss D. K. Graham and Miss I. Macdonald were present, and everywhere the College was gay with beautiful Spring flowers—tulips, mimosa, daffodils and snowdrops.

After tea, which was served in the Secretary's office and Council Chamber, the company adjourned to the Lecture Hall, where Dr. Neil Leitch, M.D., M.R.C.P., President, The London School of Dietetics, delivered a most instructive Lecture on "Hospital Dietetics; Scientists or Nurses."

In the regretted absence of the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss A. M. Bushby was in the Chair.

At the request of the Lecturer, Mrs. C. Cole, L.L.A., Hon. Organising Secretary, and Miss Grace H. Donald, B.Sc. (Lond.), Principal of the London School of Dietetics, spoke on the organisation of the School, and the popularity of the subject was evident from the numerous questions addressed to the Lecturer by fellows and members.

Miss A. M. Bushby thanked Dr. Neil Leitch most warmly for his delightful Lecture, of which a further account will be published in our next issue.

## TUTORIAL GROUP.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Tutorial Group was held on Wednesday, January 25th, 1933, at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, at 4 p.m. Miss D. K. Graham, President of the Group, was in the chair. Owing to the prevalence of influenza, the meeting was a small one, as many members suffering from this malady were unable to attend.

The following Third Annual Report was read:—

#### THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TUTORIAL GROUP OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

January 25th, 1933.

The Tutorial Group during the past year have had a varied programme.

The Session opened with a visit from Miss E. Wilkins, Principal of the Public Health Department, Battersea Polytechnic, and she gave a most stimulating lecture on Teaching principles, and those who had the pleasure of hearing Miss Wilkins, felt that they had a real tonic for their teaching powers to absorb.

On May 3rd, a number of the Group set off to Somerset for the day to visit Cow and Gate's Factory. Unfortunately it was not a May day, and the glorious landscape was shrouded in mist through a large amount of the country we passed through; however, our spirits were not marred by the weather, and as we had two representatives of the firm with us, the journey was very enjoyable. Visits were paid to the factories at Wincanton and Somerton, and very excellent they were in every way, and each one felt that Cow and Gate milk was certainly produced under

ideal conditions. The firm entertained the Group royally from and to Waterloo.

June 11th favoured us with a glorious June day in Miss Graham's Garden, when she was "At Home" to Sister Tutors. We were also entertained to a most interesting lantern lecture given by Dr. Woodall on "Ancient Cities on the Rhine."

On July 5th, J. Lyons kindly sent a char-a-banc and conveyed our Group to their very rural factory at Greenford, this was a most instructive visit, and the care with which the Welfare of the Staff is supervised is very creditable.

On October 4th, the Group met once again at the College when Modern Surgery was introduced by Miss Le Beau and Miss Ballard, interesting discussions took place.

November 12th Miss Graham again entertained the Group, and Miss Davy kindly gave an interesting outline of the last Congress of the International Council of Nurses, and a few words of advice to those likely to attend this year.

The last meeting of the year was held at the College on November 29th, when Miss Ballard read a paper, "Drugs and Sera," which was much appreciated.

We wish to thank our President for kindly inserting the News of the Group, and the papers read in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

We also offer our congratulations to the following members of the Group for success in attaining new posts:—

Miss E. S. Laing appointed Matron, Hillingdon County Hospital.

Miss Stratton appointed Matron, Norwich Infirmary. Also we congratulate Miss Ptolemy on her success in obtaining the Diploma of Nursing of the London University.

H. G. BALLARD,

Hon. Sec.

## THE STATUS OF STUDENT.

The League of Red Cross Societies' *Monthly Bulletin* has been issued in new form to bring it more closely into line with its avowed objects. We note in the current number an important article "Schools of Nursing on a Fee Paying Basis." The principle has our sympathy, as it would give the probationer the status of Student, a very desirable definition.

To quote the *Bulletin*:—

The question of the payment of fees by student nurses in schools of nursing is one to which more and more importance is being attached. Until recent years, in some countries the custom has been to provide all tuition, board and lodging and uniform, and to give the student nurse a small monthly allowance to cover incidental expenses such as text-books, etc.

During the last few years a very noticeable and fundamental change has been taking place, and certain of the more recently established schools of nursing in Europe require the payment of fees by student nurses during their training, which varies from two to three years according to the country. This appears to have certain advantages which cannot be overlooked, especially in countries which are endeavouring to raise their standard of nursing and to place their schools of nursing on the same sound educational and economic basis as other professional schools in the country. . . . This it is claimed will tend to attract educated women into the profession. . . . One of the common arguments against this system is that it prevents many women who are well educated and suitable for nursing, but who cannot afford to pay fees, from entering the profession.

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