

held probably in Brazil, a Bring and Buy Sale took place at the College on October 14th, 1950, with the object of raising funds. The many charming gifts and donations were supplied entirely by Fellows, Members of the College and their friends, and the Council is greatly indebted to the office staff, especially Miss Angel and Miss Bowering for their generous labour on that occasion.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

As part of the excellent itinerary arranged by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to extend hospitality to 21 Swedish Matrons when visiting this country, it gave the President and Council much pleasure to entertain these ladies to Dinner on Wednesday, August 2nd, 1950, at the Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus. Among the guests were representatives of the International Council of Nurses and the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

International Council of Nurses.

After very serious consideration of the request by the International Council of Nurses for further accommodation, the Council agreed to lease the top floor of the College for office accommodation in connection with The Florence Nightingale International Foundation, who took up residence on April 1st, 1951.

The History of Nursing Section.

The Council is gratified that once again it is possible to have on view the unique College collection of data pertaining to the History of Nursing and of Florence Nightingale, including Crimean relics, which is of increasing interest to the Profession.

It gave the Council of the College great pleasure on August 2nd, 1950, to entertain a party of Florence Nightingale International Students from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, India and Jamaica to view this unique collection.

Many interesting treasures have been added to our History Section during the year.

Benevolent Grants.

A sum of £444 has been distributed in Grants to members of the College from the Ethel Mary Fletcher Benevolent Fund. These grants have been made to elderly members whose incomes have seriously depreciated owing to the increased high cost of living. Thirteen members are now receiving a grant of 10s. weekly from the fund.

From our loyal recipients many communications have been received conveying heartfelt thanks to the Council of the College for the peace of mind which this benevolence has brought to them in these financially uncertain times.

"The British Journal of Nursing."

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has kept in active touch with Fellows and Members of the College at home and abroad. Warm admiration is expressed by Fellows and Members in connection with literary contributions to the Journal rendered by Members of the Editorial Board, and for the indefatigable services of Miss M. R. Angel, the Secretary, which has been rewarded by the satisfactory progress of the Journal which continues to meet its liabilities.

The College Policy.

The Council must bring the sound economic policy of the College to the notice of Registered Nurses and inspire them to join so that they may defend their Professional Status in the interests of the sick public.

Gifts.

Fellows and Members are most greatly impressed by the unflinching sympathy shown in the unparalleled generosity of our Canadian, Australian and American Colleagues in their continued gifts of numerous food parcels to members of the College.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of :—

Fellows
Miss A. Cathcart
Miss Sallie Round

Members
Miss I. B. Skinner
Miss H. Fisher

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

As no satisfactory reply had been received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the resolution sent from the last General Meeting, requesting that single women be granted an allowance (reduction in Income Tax of £50) for housekeeper, it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, that the new Chancellor of the Exchequer be approached, asking his consideration of this unjust measure which provides this benefit to widows and widowers, though they may be as young as 25 years of age, have no children, and no responsibility of children and able to work, while all single men and women whatever their age or circumstances are excluded.

Appointment of Auditors.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Messrs. Reeves, Gothard & Farries be re-appointed as Auditors for the ensuing year.

Welcome to New Councillors.

The President felt great pleasure in welcoming Miss Beatrice Cooper, S.R.N., Fellow, Matron of the Skin Hospital, Lisle Street, London, who had been nominated to serve on the Council, and was sure they all looked forward to her help, and greatly regretted that she was unavoidably prevented from being present, suffering from a severe attack of 'flu.

In welcoming Miss Beatrice West as Member to the Council, she paid warm tribute to her ability to serve, having worked with her in connection with other associations, she felt the Council was most fortunate in her nomination.

Retired Members of Council.

This year the Council will lose by rotation the valuable services of Miss Frances Roberts, Fellow, and Miss Mabel Gerard, Member. For their service members of the College were very grateful, and the President expressed warm thanks on behalf of all.

Resignation of the President.

The President felt that she must take this opportunity of expressing her regret that this would be the last occasion on which she would preside, as she was compelled through ill-health to resign from the happy service as President.

The President's resignation was received with deep sympathy and much regret. Mrs. Barber felt she could not express how sorry everyone felt, nor how much they thanked Miss McLoughlin for all she had done and how brave she had been in so courageously carrying on with the work during the years of her Presidency.

Votes of Thanks.

Warm votes of thanks were accorded Miss Bryson, the President felt that she kept the spirit of our great leader—Mrs. Fenwick—in the work she would have wished to be done.

Grateful thanks were accorded to Miss M. Angel in her splendid service for the JOURNAL and to Miss B. Bowering in her devoted work in the interests of the College.

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