

performed their respective duties with admirable despatch, and here the Council desires to place on record its gratitude to Miss B. A. Bowering for her enthusiastic services in connection with the College office.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Among other educational activities, cultural lectures other than those pertaining to the Nursing Profession, continue to appeal to Fellows and Members, thus Mr. H. L. Bryant Peers' two Lectures—"The Great Exhibition of 1851" and "Old London," also a Lecture entitled "China under the Communistic Regime," delivered by Miss Gladys Stephenson, F.B.C.N., gave great satisfaction.

As the College representative, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Secretary, attended the Annual Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain held at Eastbourne.

Miss M. Wakefield represented the College at the Women's Economic Conference at Maidstone.

THE DR. BEDFORD FENWICK MEMORIAL.

The President, Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), was unanimously appointed on September 17th, 1952, the Bedford Fenwick Scholar to attend the Quadrennial Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Brazil in June, 1953.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Secretary's Course arranged by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was attended by the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, who reported that this informative and very desirable innovation was an unqualified success.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., and the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association jointly gave an "At Home" on September 12th, 1951, when they entertained some fifty International members of the Festival of Britain Tour inaugurated by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. On this occasion our members at home as well as our colleagues from abroad were greatly interested to view the relics and data pertaining to the Florence Nightingale Collection and the History of Nursing Section of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

On Thursday, July 17th, 1952, members of the Old Internationals Association of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation were invited to view the Florence Nightingale Collection and the History of Nursing Section of the College.

THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION

The Council feel that it is satisfactory to report that valuable gifts have been received during the year.

Among the many visitors to see the Nightingale Relics and the History of Nursing Section of the College, by request, some 32 members of the Mothers' Union from St. Albans Church, Westcliff-on-Sea, and also some 60 members of the London Appreciation Society and the London Circle visited the collection.

BENEVOLENT GRANTS.

A sum of £557 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. Twelve members are now receiving a Grant of 10s. weekly from the Fund.

COLLEGE HOSPITALITY.

In celebration of the Festival of Britain, the Council offered hospitality for one week in London to visit the Festival of Britain, which was accepted by some five elderly Fellows and Members, who expressed warm appreciation of this hospitality and also to their kind hostesses Miss M. B. MacKellar, Matron, Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital and Miss A. A. Ward, Matron, Neasden Hospital, London.

"THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING"

The British Journal of Nursing has kept in 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 unstinted services of Miss M. R. Angel, the Secretary, which has been rewarded by the satisfactory progress of the Journal which continues to give varied and topical interest.

THE COLLEGE POLICY.

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

NIGHTINGALE BRICK.

Communication expressing deep appreciation for the gift of a Nightingale Brick has been received from the Royal British Nurses' Association Home, Kent Town, South Australia.

HOMAGE PAID TO HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI.

The Council in paying Homage to His Late Majesty King George VI, sent a Chaplet of Spring Flowers conveying the deep sympathy of all Fellows and Members to Windsor for the Funeral.

Gracious replies were received from Her Majesty the Queen, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, expressing sincere thanks for kind messages of sympathy sent by the Council in their great loss.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

The Council of the College congratulate Miss Isobel Hutton D.N. (Lond.), Member, on her award of the M.B.E., by His Late Majesty King George VI.

BIOGRAPHICAL CONTRIBUTORY NOTICE OF

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

By request of the Editor of the Dictionary of National Biography, Balliol College, Oxford, an article on Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's Professional Career was sent for insertion in the forthcoming supplement of the Dictionary of National Biography, Balliol College, Oxford.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

The Council followed its usual custom of sending Christmas Cards to Fellows and Members overseas. In 1952 a Royal Booklet was sent and many appreciative letters have been received.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

During the year many technical books of interest have been added to the Library.

In the Isla Stewart Library, the unique collection of works of the lives of eminent nurses, not now procurable, are available and may be studied at the College.

All books for which members have asked have been added to the Lending Library, and by request are available to members through the post or otherwise.

GIFTS.

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

The Council expresses gratitude to its members for gifts to the History Section, especially to Miss A. R. Bunch and Miss Jessie Holmes for their continued interest and kind generosity.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the following:—

Fellows		Member
Miss M. Haswell	Miss E. Hudson	Miss M. M. Perry
Miss J. C. Cowie	Miss L. Liprot	
Miss E. Bloomer		

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