

the unique opportunity of a visit by coach to Blenheim Palace, the home of the Dukes of Marlborough, and the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. This tour of world-wide historical interest was greatly appreciated.

A loan of £50 was granted to a member of the College to enable her to have full-time study of one academic year in Nursing Administration (Hospital) course.

As the College representative, Miss E. Brodie, M.B.E., Fellow, most ably attended the Annual Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain held in Edinburgh from July 6th to 9th.

Miss Beatrice West, Fellow, represented the College at Meetings and Special Conferences of the National Council of Women of Great Britain held in London.

At Home.

The President and Council were At Home to Fellows and Members and friends on December 1st, when old and new friends and those in high professional office intermingled.

The Nightingaleiana Relics and Royal Mementoes greatly attracted the interest of the guests.

History of Nursing Section.

Warm appreciation has been expressed of the historical data to be found in the History Section of the College, by those at home and from abroad, especially those who by request have come to study these records, when compiling events and developments in Nursing History.

Benevolent Grants.

A sum of £328 has been distributed in Grants to members of the College from the Ethel Mary Fletcher Benevolent Fund. These grants have been made to elderly Fellows and Members whose incomes have seriously depreciated owing to the high cost of living. Members are now receiving a grant of 10s. weekly from the Fund.

The British Journal of Nursing.

The *British Journal of Nursing* has kept in touch with Fellows and Members at home and abroad.

The varied literary articles contributed by Fellows and Members, have aroused expressed pride and satisfaction of our readers. For the efficient and skilled work of the Journal warm thanks are due to Miss Maude Angel in this onerous service.

Her Majesty The Queen's Garden Party

The President, Mrs. M. C. Barber, D.N.(Lond.) and the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, were privileged to attend the Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty The Queen with The Duke of Edinburgh on Thursday, July 15th.

The Lending Library.

Many technical books of interest have been added to the Library during the past year, and all books for which members have asked have been added to the Lending Library, and by request are available to members through the post and otherwise.

The Isla Stewart Library.

The unique collection of works of the lives of eminent nurses, many not now procurable, are available at the College, by request.

Gifts.

Fellows and Members in grateful admiration of our Australian colleagues' unflinching sympathy and generosity are most touched in their continued 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. Bone, Fellow, for letters written by Miss Florence Nightingale personally to a former Matron of Haydock Cottage Hospital.

"A Pictorial Souvenir of the Royal Tour" from an Australian Colleague and "Winston Spencer Churchill, Servant of the Crown and Commonwealth" from a Fellow.

Obituary.

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

Fellows.

Miss Jessie I. Holmes.

Miss Helen A. Dean.

Miss Mary Hunter.

Miss Annie T. Hyde.

Miss Emma H. Phillips.

Members.

Miss Elsie M. Trenaman.

Miss Ella Burnett.

Miss Barlow said it was gratifying to know that the financial position was slightly improved and welcomed the many new members.

Address by the President.

In a short address the President was most emphatic on the question of encouraging trainees for the State Registration in preference to Assistant Nurses.

New Member Welcomed.

The President gave a hearty welcome to Miss Finch, who was elected to serve on the Council, and whose valuable up-to-date experience would be greatly appreciated in the deliberations of the Council.

Appointment of Auditors.

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

The members, following the meeting, descended to the Library—where awaiting them was a most inviting spread of delectable cakes and tea. A spirited, happy gathering.

What Our Members are Doing.

The Honorary Secretary.

Toronto.

Dear Madam,

June 12th, 1955.

Thank you very much for your kind letter, also thanks for the good wishes for success in my new work in a new country.

I am trying to give some account of the experiences I had since I arrived here.

This Hospital for the Treatment of Tuberculosis lies about ten miles from the centre of Toronto City; it has a bed capacity of 640 beds, 26 of these for children.

The treatment for Tuberculosis is about the same as in our country, but the nursing technique differs very much from that I have been taught in England.

Trolleys are never used, trays completely set up are always kept in readiness for any treatment.

There doesn't appear to be any shortage of Nurses here in Canada, a great many Europeans who have emigrated since the war are employed in various capacities in hospitals. Nurses' aids relieve much of the routine work, which leaves Nurses to carry out Nursing duties.

Hours of duty, 44 hours a week, which allows three free days in each pay period of two weeks; night duty term is of four weeks approximately every 8 to 12 weeks. Three weeks' vacation after a year is granted, but there are nine statutory holidays allowed.

There is no National Health Service, but a plan, the Blue Cross, is in operation which gives some help in hospital care, deductions are made from authorised payroll.

Comfortable residence, all single rooms, is provided.

Nurses have to buy their own uniform; white shoes and stockings are worn.

Speaking of Toronto, a large industrial city, it lies direct on the Great Lake of Ontario, has some very fine buildings, claims the first subway in Canada and also has some new modern hospitals.

My impressions, especially as regards hospital life, are very limited as I arrived in Canada only three months ago, but I am now very grateful for the excellent training both in General Nursing, and for the Post Graduate Course for the British Tuberculosis Association Certificate which I was able to take before I left England.

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