

sections of the work who the Council wished to recognise, would prefer a "tip." It was agreed that their preference should be complied with.

4. Miss Hope Bell wrote from China pointing out the difficulty of taking the Obligation without considerable expense. The Council decided to enquire further into facilities for Nurses in China.

5. Miss de Vine criticised the lack of effective recognition of State Registration in Scotland, where in competition a specialist nurse can and has been appointed a Matron of a hospital without general training, in competition with highly qualified general nurses. The Council sympathised with Miss de Vine, and decided to recommend her to bring this lack of appreciation of general training by hospital authorities to the notice of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and invite its active support in instructing the public, and managers of hospitals, in the necessary recognition of standards of knowledge and professional qualifications for persons entrusted by them to nurse the sick.

6. Letter from Mr. Comyns Berkeley informing the Council he was compiling a Handbook for Nurses. As many of the questions, financial and otherwise, to which the writer desired replies, have not yet received the consideration of the Council, the Secretary was directed to reply in this sense.

7. A letter from Miss D. A. M. Stewart on behalf of her sisters and herself thanking the Council for its kind letter of sympathy

upon the death of her sister Margaret R. Stewart, and their very sincere appreciation of such sympathy.

Many other letters were considered, and amongst those received a batch expressing thanks and pleasure upon receiving their Diplomas from Fellows and Members, were much appreciated by the Council.

Miss Agnes Rider wrote:—

"My Diploma reached me safely, for which I thank you.

"I am proud of a Foundation Fellowship of a really Professional College. Many thanks are due to the President and Council for the dignity of procedure and the rules and regulations which form so good a foundation. I hope

nurses will realise what help and benefit they may (if they choose) derive from it."

Miss H. Ward wrote:—

"Thank you for forwarding my beautiful Diploma, it inspires one to ever live up to the high ideals put before the Fellows and Members of such a College."

Miss Rose Conway wrote:—

"I have just received the precious and much valued Diploma, for which in the first instance I thank Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Breay, and all the brave 'Collegers' who have helped to give me State Registration, and now this much valued Diploma."

Miss Esther Randall wrote:—

"Am writing to thank you for the Diploma safe to hand, and am proud of the honour thus bestowed upon me. Glad that I have been spared to see the day of recognition of the Nursing Profession, I have always taken an interest in the work that I love."

Miss Ethel M. Cumberland wrote:—

"Thank you so very much for sending me my Diploma, which I am very proud to possess. I am sure you must all have had an enormous amount of work in starting the scheme, and I hope the College will be the greatest possible success."

Miss Catherine Brady, from Co. Kerry:—

"Most grateful thanks for the very beautiful Diploma, which arrived in good condition, and of which I am very proud. I was also very delighted to be present at the First Annual Meeting of the College and the Dinner, the latter at Miss B. Kent's invitation. It was all doubly delightful to me as I am so much cut off from my colleagues in the nursing world. I am in my 23rd year in these backward and lonely 'Dudley'

districts, working as Queen's Jubilee Nurse."

Miss A. M. Knowles wrote:—

"Many thanks for safe arrival of my Diploma. . . . I am so very proud of it, and so grateful to all the noble women who have made the nursing world what it is, and the British College of Nurses possible."

#### Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership were considered, and the applicants, all with high qualifications were elected, and the Secretary directed to affix the Seal to their Diplomas after Obligation.



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