

Fellows and Members—and thus do not come into touch with them, which is a mutual pleasure and benefit.

October Obligation Day will be held on Thursday—the 20th—and those who wish to attend are requested to intimate that they intend to do so to the Secretary at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Mrs. Strong's Prize in "British Journal of Nursing."

Mrs. Strong kindly offered a Prize of £3 3s. for the best Paper "On the Reasons for Registered Nurses Joining the British College of Nurses, the Paper to be founded on its Constitution and Bye-Laws." It was agreed to publish the Bye-Laws in full in the November issue of the JOURNAL—so that they may be in the possession of every Fellow and Member—and available for those who wish to compete for the £3 3s. Prize.

Letter of Thanks to Miss Violetta Thurstan, F.B.C.N.

The Council approved of a letter of thanks being sent to Miss Violetta Thurstan for giving a whole week's expert work to filing the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on the new metal shelves, thereby helping materially in this necessary item of organisation.

Legacy.

The President reported that she had learned with much pleasure that a Fellow of the College had arranged to leave it a legacy to be used for the benefit of poor old nurses.

Other business having been transacted, Saturday, October 29th, at 3 p.m., was arranged for the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting then terminated.

Fixtures for October.

AT 39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.

October 11th and October 18th.—Classes on "The Conduct of Business at Committee Meetings—How to take a Chair," etc., by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. 5.30 p.m.

October 20th.—Obligation Day. 2.30–5 p.m.

October 22nd.—Reception to Heads of Educational Establishments by the President and Council. Robes will be worn.

October 29th.—Council Meeting. 3 p.m.

The Isla Stewart Memorial at 39, Portland Place, W.

The Dedicatory Ceremony of the Isla Stewart Memorial at 39, Portland Place, London, W., will take place on Tuesday, November 15th, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Committee of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund will place in the Study an inscribed antique Bookcase and Nursing Books—to form the nucleus of a Nursing Library in the British College of Nurses.

Personal friends and pupils of the late Miss Stewart will take part in the Dedication, and members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses desiring to be present can obtain tickets for the ceremony from Miss G. Reynolds Hale, Hon. Secretary of the Memorial Fund, after November 1st, from the above address.

Tea will be served after the ceremony by invitation of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO FULHAM HOSPITAL NURSES.

On Monday, September 26th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the Board Room of the Guardians' Offices of the Parish of Fulham, 129, Fulham Palace Road, W.6, when Dr. Bedford Fenwick presented medals, certificates and prizes to the nurses who had been successful in gaining them.

The Chairman of the Board, Miss C. Fulford, presided, and welcomed and introduced Dr. Bedford Fenwick. The centre of the room was filled with neat and professional looking nurses; and Members of the Board, Dr. C. T. Parsons, O.B.E., Medical Superintendent, in Academic robes, and invited guests filled the remaining seats.

The Chairman said that the Board Room was the scene of many interesting, sometimes exciting, and not always unanimous meetings, but there was one meeting that was always interesting, exciting and unanimous, and that was the one held in special honour of the nurses. The Guardians fully recognized that they were an essential part of the work of the institution, that they were part of a great vocation and a great profession. Foremost among those who had achieved the organization of nursing as a profession were Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, whose devoted services had contributed largely to this end through the Nurses' Registration Acts.

This victory of the Nurses sent one's mind back to all who had taught in the School, Medical Superintendents, Matrons, together with those at present in office, Dr. Parsons and Miss Allbutt, and the Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor.

Dr. Parsons then said that they had had two similar functions previously, at the first the prizes were given by Dame Maud McCarthy, at the second by the Bishop of Kensington, and now they had to thank Dr. Bedford Fenwick for coming there that day. They honoured him as a great leader, a great surgeon, and a leader of the British School of Gynæcology, but to-day they acclaimed the names of Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for their services to the Nursing Profession, and, as time went on, the value of the unselfish work they had done would be more fully realized and fully acknowledged.

In Fulham they were supremely fortunate in possessing a Board of Guardians who took a great interest in the Hospital. As knowledge advanced the Guardians kept step with progress. During the last year they had greatly increased the Massage and Electricity Department, and the ultra-violet rays, and next year on the top of the Massage Department they hoped to have a roof garden. They also had wireless installation extended to all the wards.

The Training School should be judged by its fruits, firstly by its results, and secondly by the lives of its pupils. In the last year 22 probationers had entered for the Preliminary Examination of the General Nursing Council and two had failed, twelve had entered for the Final Examination and one had failed. Three had gained a Massage certificate. Twenty entered for an examination in cooking, and all passed, and twelve gained the Bronze Medal at the Cookery Exhibition at Olympia. Their knowledge of vitamins made him shiver, but his heart grew warm when he realised that they knew how to cook things, in which English nurses excelled.

Referring to the success of the probationers with chronics, Dr. Parsons remarked that a nurse who failed with them might be a good nurse but she was not of the elect.

Bidding farewell to those who were leaving, Dr. Parsons said that to those new standard bearers the School

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