

will openly indicate their support for the efforts being made by nurses in Public Health work to establish this minimum standard of remuneration."

The Council were unanimously of opinion £200 salary for Public Health Nurses was the very least they should accept for their valuable services, and the Editor of the B.J.N. agreed that advertisements offering less should be excluded.

Other important communications were dealt with and the Council received with pleasure thanks for Diplomas.

Thanks for Diplomas.

Miss A. M. Grainger writes: "I am very proud to be a member of a really Professional College, and to possess such a Diploma. Many thanks are due to those who have worked so hard and made the British College of Nurses what it is. It is indeed an inspiration to those of us just starting out, and I hope I shall ever live up to the high ideals set before us."

Mrs. T. E. Black writes: "I am very proud to have the Diploma and also of being a foundation member of the British College of Nurses. I think the Diploma beautiful and treasure it very much."

Miss S. L. Irving writes: "Very many thanks for my Diploma received just as I was leaving for Fayal. I am very proud to have it and I realise that mere words cannot express how much I owe and appreciate all that has been done for myself and the Nursing Profession by our President, Councillors and Secretary."

Report of the Education Committee.

An interesting Report was submitted by Miss M. S. Cochrane, Chairman, in which it was agreed to make the following recommendations, amongst others, to the Council:—

1. That the term of grace be not terminated in less than three years from the inception of the College, so as to give time to Registered Nurses to avail themselves of its self-governing privileges.

This is the more necessary as many Matrons of the larger Training Schools have refused facilities to speakers to address the Nursing Staff.

2. That a definite Scheme of Lectures and Examinations should be prepared by June, 1928. In the meantime that a Course of Lectures on Psychology be held in the New Year, to be followed by a Course on Gynæcology, to be concluded with an Examination. Certificates to be granted to successful candidates.

The President stated that she was assured that by June next a very substantial sum would be available for educational purposes, and by that date the Education Committee would have had time to recommend how it could best be expended for the benefit of Fellows and Members. Scholarships, and help towards special training in analogous work to nursing, were greatly in need of financial support, as in the three years' hospital training this experience in special instruction and practice could not be included.

3. That the education and professional status of Mental Nurses should receive serious consideration and support, in order that they may attain self-government and security in the body politic.

This recommendation was put forward subsequent to a letter which appeared in *The Times* of November 17th, from Sir George Robertson, University of Edinburgh, proposing that Mental Nurses examined and

certificated by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association should be compulsorily placed upon the State Registers for Mental Nurses established under the authority of the General Nursing Councils by Acts of Parliament. The result of any such division of authority as proposed by Sir George Robertson would, in the opinion of the Education Committee of the British College of Nurses, deprive Mental Nurses of equal rights and status under the Acts with their colleagues in other branches of nursing and of an independent curriculum and examination. The Council was entirely in sympathy with the recommendations of the Education Committee in this connection, and agreed to take public action on the matter.

4. The Committee recommended that the training of Health Visitors should be based on the curriculum enforced for the State Registration of Nurses on the General Part of the Register, and that the supervision of Health Visitors should be by members of their own profession.

The Report of the Education Committee was unanimously adopted.

Miss Graham's Report.

Miss Graham presented a detailed Report of her visits to hospitals and Nurses' Associations in Yorkshire, where she had received much kindness and courtesy, especially at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford. Miss Graham expressed herself as greatly encouraged by the intelligent understanding of Nurses in the North, who appeared to realise the value of the principles and ethical standards on which the constitution of the British College of Nurses was based. She had hopes that after Christmas, always an expensive time to Nurses, many of those who had asked for Forms of Application would send them in, and thus help to found their College on sound financial lines.

A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Graham.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Thirty-six applications as Fellows and ten applications as Members were considered, and all were elected with the exception of two for Fellowship, owing to the fact that they were not State Registered Nurses. As both were highly desirable applicants, the Council expressed the hope that they would enter for the State Examination.

A satisfactory financial statement was received.

Election of President and Vice-Presidents.

The following Rule was adopted for the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents:—

"The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Council. The Election of the President and the two Vice-Presidents shall be by Ballot and conducted in the following manner.

"Names shall be written on a slip of paper by Members of the Council who desire to nominate candidates who have consented to act, and be placed by them in the Ballot box. The Secretary and two Scrutineers shall take out the papers and submit the names to the Council.

"A second Ballot shall then be held of the names of all the Candidates nominated, and the Secretary and

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