

of the Hon. Degree of Master of Arts was bestowed. It was unanimously agreed that the British College of Nurses—of which she was a Fellow—would send greetings on this auspicious occasion.

Thanks for Diplomas.

Many gratifying letters were reported from Fellows and Members upon receiving their Diplomas.

Miss Mullaney writes from Kent Town, South Australia, forwarding six more applications for Fellowship and one for Membership of the British College.

"There was quite an unusual flutter in nursing circles on Saturday morning the 24th inst. when so many of us were the recipients of the beautifully designed Diplomas of the College. It seems to Nurses far away as we are from the College, as if these Diplomas are a real link with the Homeland, engraved as they are with the names of so many grand women who have done things in the Nursing World. I have no prospect of ever visiting London, but many nurses of the younger generation will; and it should be a great inspiration to them to reach the goal of the Nursing Profession, which we feel the British College of Nurses means to us all.

"With many thanks for the care with which our Diplomas were packed, as was shown by the perfect condition in which they arrived.

"With good wishes for the continued success of the College."

Mrs. Lilian Peake writes: "I am indeed charmed with the beautiful Diploma—the whole design is one of the nicest I have ever seen. I am quite anxious to get it framed."

Miss A. Moran writes: "It is with great pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of my Diploma.

"It is a beautiful piece of work, and I feel very proud of possessing such a distinctive mark of my profession."

All the writers express great pleasure at receiving their Diplomas, and many are pleased to be amongst the first 1,000 to be Founder Fellows.

The Report of the Education Committee.

Miss Cochrane, Chairman of the Education Committee, which met on April 23rd, presented the report.

The President explained that as this report dealt mainly with recommendations for the expenditure of the £1,000 available for educational purposes, next July, it had been in part considered by the Finance Committee and recommendations approved.

The Education Committee's report was agreed.

The Report of the Finance Committee.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, April 26th.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Trustee and Treasurer, was in the chair.

The Treasurer reported that he had obtained particulars of Insurance schemes for Fellows and Members from the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society, which seemed most advantageous, both for deferred annuity at a certain age, or the option of a capital sum, and that full particulars of the scheme would be drawn up and submitted to the Council for its next meeting in May.

It was agreed to invite an expert to speak to Nurses at the College on the benefits of Insurance and Annuities

for Nurses. It was also agreed to publish a booklet showing what the British College of Nurses is, and what it is doing for Nurses.

Means by which grants for scholarships could be endowed were discussed. After considering the report of the Education Committee, the following scheme for the allocation of £1,000 for educational purposes was recommended:—

Resolution I.

That £200 be granted during the next year for equipment at the College.

Resolution II.

That £200 for four grants of £50 each be given for training as Sister Tutors at King's College for Women, London, Battersea Polytechnic; London, Leeds University and other centres.

Resolution III.

That £100 be given each year towards the cost of lectures.

Resolution IV.

That £250 per annum be divided into travelling grants to assist Fellows and Members desiring to attend Nursing or Scientific Congresses in any part of the world, and that this year £100 should be divided into five grants of £20 each to attend the International Congress on Tuberculosis in Rome in September next, and £150 into three grants of £50 each for three Fellows or Members to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July, 1929.

Resolution V.

That three grants of £35 each be given to Fellows or Members towards the expense of Midwifery Training for the certificates of the Central Midwives Board.

It was further agreed that £145 should be kept in reserve until the Scheme of Education in connection with the College is more materialised.

Discussion on this report expressed the approval of the Council. It was agreed that it should be the aim of the College to be fully equipped with up-to-date appliances for the teaching of Nursing in all its branches. That foreign travel—as coming into touch with those taking part in conferences on nursing and scientific questions—would be most advantageous and educative.

That grants for helping those who desired to qualify as Sister Tutors and Midwives could be very advantageously used by those willing and able to pay in part for such training. Midwifery was now an extra qualification for those nurses desiring to work in the Crown Colonies, in parts of the United States and in private nursing at home, and that if grants were available courses of lectures might be organised outside the Metropolis for the benefit of those in local centres.

The report was adopted.

In reply to questions, the President said that Public Health work would need investigation—as to how the College would be able to deal with it to the best advantage. At present it received financial aid from the State and other organisations. The public were financing District Nursing, and Municipal Bodies School Nurses. Neither of this class of Nurse was receiving

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