

Australia: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of my Diploma of Fellowship of the British College of Nurses, and beg that you will convey my sincere thanks to our President and her Council. I do indeed feel proud at being permitted to join such a splendid body of women who are doing so much for the nursing profession. Trusting your efforts may be crowned with success."

Mrs. Florence E. Motley, Fullarton, South Australia: "The beautiful Diploma arrived safely. . . . I am so proud of it, and also of being a Member of the College. I do appreciate the JOURNAL, it seems to bring us more in touch with our British sisters. I hope some day to visit the College. I am sure it will mean a great thing to our profession."

Miss Elsie M. Trenaman, Henley Beach, South Australia: "I feel it a great privilege to be admitted to membership of an Association which holds such high ideals and which also provides another bond of unity between ourselves and our fellow Nurses in the Homeland. Every good wish for the College."

#### Report of the Education Committee.

Miss M. S. Cockrane (Chairman) presented the Report of the Education Committee.

It included recommendations for Regulations for Grants to be awarded to Fellows and Members for Educational purposes (a) Sister Tutors; (b) Travelling grants to attend Nursing and Scientific Congresses; and (c) Midwifery Training.

Application Forms were submitted for Sister Tutors and Midwifery applicants, which included an examination in general and professional knowledge, and names of applicants were submitted. It was agreed to appoint an Examination Committee, and that applications for the grants might be sent in until July 18th.

#### International Congress on Tuberculosis at Rome, September, 1928.

The names of six applicants were submitted and grants were recommended—

(1) To Miss Mary Lamont Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C., F.B.C.N. (nominated by Mrs. Strong), Cert. Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Superintendent of Public Health (including tuberculosis) Nurses, Glasgow. Miss Ritchie Thomson had consented to prepare and read a Paper at the Nursing Section of the International Congress on Tuberculosis.

(2) To Miss Florence Marian Bartleet, F.B.C.N., trained St. Thomas's Hospital, London, for seven years Tuberculosis Health Visitor, St. Marylebone Borough Council; War Service, 4½ years, Acting Matron, France, Italy, and Salonica. Miss Bartleet had consented to prepare a Report on the Congress for the College, to be presented with others at a meeting in October.

The applications of other candidates were referred for further information, and it was agreed that further time be allowed in which to receive applications to June 22nd.

It was agreed to recommend to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain that all members of affiliated Associations attending the Congress at Rome, should be organised in a National Council group, and be entitled to wear the distinguishing purple and silver Ribbon Badge.

#### International Congress at Montreal, July, 1929.

It was reported that three applications had been received, and it was agreed that such applications should be in order until November 30th, 1928.

The Report was adopted.

#### Other Business.

A large amount of business was transacted.

Further arrangements were considered for the Annual Dinner on July 10th, at the Hotel Metropole, and for the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members at Headquarters on July 11th, at which Meeting the Annual Report will be submitted, Certificates and Prizes presented, after which a Reception and Tea will be held.

Fellows and Members were elected, and the Financial Statement was received.

The Terms of Reference for the Consultative Committee with the Royal British Nurses' Association were agreed.

The Draft Regulations for Local Consuls were approved.

The wax design for the Badge was before the Council and approved.

Mental Nursing was discussed, and strong disapproval was expressed of any action which would violate the principle of the One Portal System of the State Registration of Nurses, as provided under the Nurses' Registration Acts, which would result from recognising the examination of an Outside Body (other than the General Nursing Councils) as qualifying for State Registration, now under discussion for Mental Nurses. Loss of professional status for Mental Nurses might result in professional degradation for other classes of Registered Nurses.

A list of Fellows who had received professional promotion was received, and the congratulations of the Council were to be sent to them.

Miss H. L. Pearse was nominated as a suitable candidate for election by the National Council of Nurses to the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations, to be placed on their list of women qualified to be members of the Health Committee of the League of Nations.

Notice of the death of Miss D. G. Clark, late Member of the Registered Nurses' Association and a Fellow of the College, was received with deep regret, and it was agreed that her name be recorded in the Book of Remembrance.

#### Gifts to the College.

Miss Bright and Miss M. S. Cockrane: Mahogany inkstand for Hall.

Miss B. Treasure: Large quantity of flowers and ferns.

Mrs. Andrews: Flowers.

Miss Cancellor: Flowers.

Miss M. Breay: Flowers.

Miss Mary Chadwick: Very beautiful old Derby porcelain—three Jardinières with perforated tops, in royal blue and gold, painted with fruit and flowers—marked Bloor period; two Vases in French grey and gold painted in flowers—marked "D" Duesbury period. Charming Inkstand blue and gold, painted with flowers, ink-pot, pen stand, perforated sand pot and taper stand complete marked early Minton—a most generous gift; placed on Study mantelpiece, in character with French grey decorations, and mahogany furniture.

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