

Diplomas, on their beauty of design, and the inclusion on the scroll of the names of British Pioneers of Nursing.

"The British Journal of Nursing."

Warm appreciation is also expressed in many letters received of the value of *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* which has been adopted by the College as its official organ and sent monthly to every Fellow and Member, and which has allotted generous space to reports of its activities.

Files of "The British Journal of Nursing."

Owing to the generosity of Fellows and Members of the College metal shelves have been provided and files of *The Nursing Record* and *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* from the first number in April, 1888, onwards have been arranged. Complete files of the 75 volumes have been presented by the Editor, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to the British College of Nurses, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and together with the late Miss M. N. Cureton to the International Council of Nurses. The *JOURNAL* contains the most complete record of the history of Nursing Organisation, not only in Great Britain, but all over the world, and, as few complete files are available, it is of great importance that these should be carefully preserved.

Scope of the Work of the Council.

The Council of the College has been mainly concerned during the past twelve months in consolidating its work in the following directions. The promotion of (1) efficient professional and civic education, (2) the economic security of its Fellows and Members, (3) their legal Protection, and (4) Social and Benevolent help.

EDUCATION.

Appointment of Lecturer.

The importance of bringing the foundation principles and work of the College before the Nursing Profession throughout the country engaged the attention of the Trustees and the Council, who unanimously agreed that the appointment of a Lecturer would be most advantageous.

In October of last year Miss Dorothy K. Graham, F.B.C.N., was appointed to this position and has done excellent work, visiting many centres in England and Scotland.

Miss Graham's visits have been welcomed in many institutions, and much interest has been aroused in the work of the College. The Council desires to tender its thanks to those ladies who have received its Lecturer with such cordiality and kindness.

Lectures.

Courses of lectures have been given at the College during the last twelve months on the following subjects:

1. "The Conduct of Business at Committee Meetings," "How to take a Chair," etc., by the President, which was free to Fellows and Members, attracted a large audience and aroused much interest.

2. "Nursing History," by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., illustrated by lantern slides, many of which were original, and which Miss Macdonald had been at considerable pains to secure.

These Lectures also were free to Fellows and Members, and were much appreciated.

3. A course of ten Lectures on "Elementary Psychology and its application to Nursing," by Dr. T. Ronald Forsythe, Ch.B., D.P.M., of the Kent County Mental Hospital, were well attended by Fellows and Members, who greatly appreciated them, and were impressed by the need for a knowledge of Psychology for all who are occupied in the care of the sick, whether physically or mentally.

A Certificate of Proficiency has been awarded to the eight candidates who successfully passed the Examination which followed the Lectures.

EFFICIENT PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

There are Educational benefits of great importance available. The Trustees have authorised the allocation of £1,000 during the coming twelve months for Educational purposes, and the Council propose to apportionate this sum in the following manner:

£200 for equipment for Lectures in the College.

£200 for four grants of £50 to assist Fellows and Members desiring to train as Sister Tutors.

£100 towards the cost of Lectures in the College.

£250 for travelling grants, to assist Fellows and Members to attend Nursing or Scientific Congresses in any part of the world.

£105 to provide three grants of £35 each to Fellows or Members towards defraying the expense of midwifery training, with the purpose of enabling them to obtain the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

£145 to be kept in reserve until the Scheme of Education in connection with the College is more materialised.

Further, it is hoped that the College will soon be able to establish a Travelling Scholarship to enable a Fellow to travel abroad, and observe and report upon the newest methods of nurse-training, and to enquire into and report upon new systems of preventive and curative nursing in general and special diseases, in foreign countries and the Dominions.

The College Library.

Progress has been made in the foundation of the College Library, to which many documents and books of historic value have been donated by the President, as well as by Fellows and Members.

Visit of Fellows from Overseas.

In February, 1928, two Canadian Fellows, Miss Pearl Morrison, F.B.C.N., Superintendent of the Hospital and Nurse Training School at the McKellar General Hospital, Fort William, Ontario, and Miss Minnie Ethel Misner, F.B.C.N., Supervisor of School Nurses under the Ontario Government Department of Health, came to England to avail themselves through the College of experience in administrative and Public Health work in this country, and the Council of the College hopes that other Dominion Fellows and Members will be inspired by their example to visit their Headquarters in London, and give their colleagues in the Homeland the pleasure of closer personal friendship with them.

In this connection the Council notes with pleasure that reference was made in the Annual Report of the South Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association, Adelaide, to the value of the interchange of such experience, when the hope was expressed that the time would come when post-graduates from South Australia would take advantage of the privileges of the College as some of the nurses of Canada were now doing.

Visits from Foreign Colleagues.

The Council during the year has welcomed at the College visits from colleagues from many European countries, the Dominions overseas, the United States of America and Japan, who have been exceedingly interested in its work and organisation, and expressed great admiration for the beautiful Headquarters, the antique furniture and porcelain.

The distinctive Robes of the Council have been specially admired and appreciated.

ECONOMIC SECURITY.

The Council of the College has had under consideration the economic conditions of nurses engaged in private practice, and convened a Conference on the conditions of

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