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In these days of increased scientific knowledge it is obvious that the safest attendant upon the lying-in woman is the one who possesses the training and experience of the Registered Nurse, combined with that of the Certified Midwife. Moreover thousands of Registered Nurses are Certified Midwives, and the combined qualification is now an essential one for many appointments, and it would be greatly to the advantage of the Committee to have the assistance of a Registered Nurse Midwife.

The Council of the College has been in communication with the Minister of Health on the subject, and asked him to strengthen the Committee by adding to its personnel a Registered Nurse Midwife, so far, we regret to report, without success.

Gifts to the College.

A delightful feature during the year has been the number of useful and valuable gifts made to the College by its Fellows and Members. They have been enumerated and acknowledged monthly in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and are too numerous to reiterate in this Annual Report.

Many gifts of flowers have been received, and are always welcome, as large quantities are required for the effective decoration of the College premises.

The Registration Archives.

A magnificent Sheraton Tallboy has been donated by the President, in which to file the Archives of the Registration Movement from its inception in 1887. These records are unique and priceless, and will be handed down to succeeding generations of Nurses enjoying the privileges of State Examination, Registration, and Legal Status, who form the British College of Nurses.

Honours for Fellows.

Two members of the Council of the College, Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., and Miss S. A. Villiers, F.B.C.N., were again returned to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at the Election in November last.

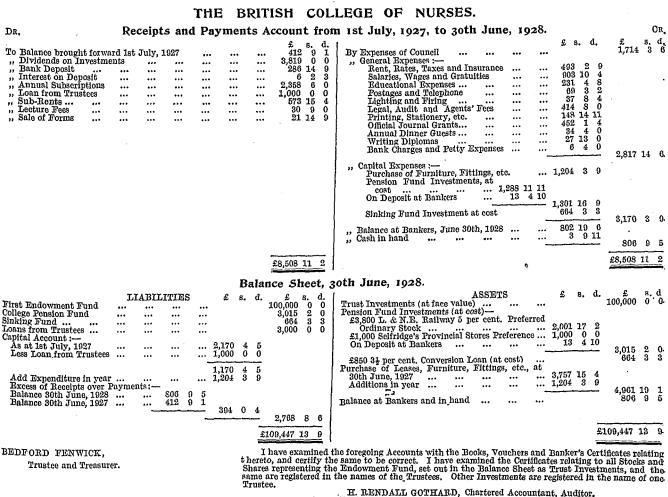
The decoration of Commander in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division) has been conferred on Miss Joanna M. Cruickshank, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Matron-in-Chief Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, by His Majesty the King.

The decoration of Officer in the same Order (Military Division), has been conferred on Miss Christine Cameron, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., late Principal Matron, Princess Mary Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

The Honorary Degree of Master of Arts has been conferred by the University of Dublin on Miss Margaret Huxley, F.B.C.N., pioneer of the higher education of Nurses and of State Registration in Ireland, and a Member of the first General Nursing Council for Ireland.

Hopes for the Future.

The foundations of the British College of Nurses have been well and truly laid, and there are bright hopes for the



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