

ing their delight at receiving their Diplomas. These letters came from far and near, Scotland and India being well represented in this month's budget.

Legal Protection and Benevolent Help.

Several letters asking for legal opinion and benevolent help were considered and action taken.

In one case where a Fellow, after four years' responsible work, had been told to send in her resignation and refused a hearing by the Board of Management, the Council decided to express to the Board its sense of disapproval of such treatment of a responsible nursing officer. In the opinion of the Council no nurse should be threatened with discharge upon a secret complaint of any member of the hospital staff without the nurse being told of what she was accused, and being given an opportunity of defending herself.

Miss Graham's Report.

During the past month Miss Graham, Lecturer to the College, reported that she had visited 26 hospitals and institutions, having upon the initiative of Mrs. Strong paid a visit to Scotland. Thirteen hospitals were visited in Glasgow.

Miss Graham has the knack of meeting many charming people, and is almost invariably received with courtesy (with of course a modicum of caution in Scotland).

The Council expressed both to Mrs. Strong and Miss Graham its appreciation of their energetic work for the nurses in Scotland during the past month, in attending and speaking at so many meetings, in Glasgow, Paisley, High Blantyre and Kilsyth, and giving them the opportunity of realising the privileges of joining and helping to build up a self-governing College of Nurses—the only basis upon which any profession can hope to grow strong and fruitful.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications from highly trained Registered Nurses were received and with one exception they were elected.

A Conjoint Committee.

Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., were elected to serve on a Conjoint Committee, to discuss methods of election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The Badge.

It was agreed to consider designs for a Badge for the College at the next meeting.

A Course of Gynæcological Lectures.

The Course of Six Lectures to be given by Miss Gertrude Dearnley, M.D., on Gynæcology, to begin on April 26th, was considered, and it was agreed that Fellows and Members would be charged 7s. 6d. and non-members 10s. 6d. for the course. Single tickets 2s.

There would be a written examination at the conclusion of the Course, and Miss Cochrane's kind offer to give a Prize for the best Paper was gratefully accepted, as no Certificate could be given for this short Course.

Report from the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses.

The President reported that the four delegates nominated on to the Grand Council of the National Council had been approved. These are Miss Cochrane,

R.R.C., Matron, Charing Cross Hospital; Miss A. S. Bryson, Matron, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill; Miss D. K. Graham, Lecturer and Tutor, and Miss I. Macdonald, Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association.

The Report of the Executive Committee of the National Council was received and details considered. The Council agreed that towards the end of July was the best time for the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal in 1929, and that the arrangements proposed by Thomas Cook and Son should be widely circulated, as soon as possible. Miss Isabel Macdonald had been placed on the sub-committee to deal with arrangements for the Montreal Meeting, nominated by the British College of Nurses.

Congratulations on Promotion.

The Council directed the Secretary to convey its congratulations to the following Fellows upon their promotion:—

To Miss J. H. Niccol, R.G.N., A.R.R.C., F.B.C.N., upon being appointed Matron to the Royal Infirmary, Dundee.

To Miss Lyelee Johnstone, R.R.C., S.R.N., F.B.C.N., upon being appointed Matron of the Home for Blind Babies, Chorley Wood.

To Miss Hilary H. Riggall, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., upon being appointed Superintendent of the Nursery at the Bethnal Green Children's Home, Leytonstone.

Gifts to the College.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (to the College Library). A Text Book for Midwives, by John S. Fairbairn, F.R.C.P. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Sunlight and Health. By C. W. Saleeby, M.D., F.R.S.E.

Surgical Operations. A Text Book for Students and Nurses. By E. W. Hey Groves, M.D., F.R.C.S.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (to Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase).

Notes on Nursing, 1860. By Florence Nightingale, from Henry Bonham-Carter.

Notes on Nursing. By Florence Nightingale.

Notes on Hospitals, 1863. By Florence Nightingale.

Florence Nightingale to Her Nurses, with Portrait.

Handbook for Hospital Sisters. By Florence S. Lees. 1874. Edited and autographed by Sir Henry Acland, M.D., F.R.S.

Records of a Scotswoman. Katherine Stuart-Macqueen. By Alice Maclehose.

Linda Richards, with Portrait. America's First Trained Nurse.

Women and War. Foreword by Lady Jellicoe. Containing Appreciation of the French Flag Nursing Corps, by the French Minister for War.

Miss Ida Stanton. A brass bell.

Miss A. M. Bushby. Two Calendars.

Obligation Day.

Monday, the 26th of March was fixed for Obligation Day. 2.30 to 5 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday, March 24th, at 3 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

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