

does not see its way to reverse its policy with regard to centralization of lecture classes.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. G. WESTLEY, Secretary.

#### Gifts to the College.

Numerous delightful Gifts have been received, which have been enumerated in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and specially welcome have been the gifts of flowers and money for flowers, as so many are needed for the decoration of the College, and are specially appreciated in the Club Room.

#### Honours for Fellows.

Miss Marion Welch, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, has been awarded R.R.C. first class.

Miss Agnes Yool Brodie, Matron, East Riding Mental Hospital, has been awarded M.B.E. (Civil division).

#### The Meeting of the International Council and Congress at Montreal.

It is regretted that owing to the serious illness of the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, after her visit to Rome, she was unable to attend the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses (which she founded in London in 1899) and Congress of Nurses at Montreal, which is now in session.

Miss M. Breay, first Vice-President of the Council, and a Founder Member of the International Council of Nurses, was nominated to represent her and to deliver the "Watchword" for the ensuing quadrennial period. Miss S. Villiers, Vice-President, elected one of the four Official Delegates, and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members of the Council, and a large number of Fellows, with upwards of 100 colleagues from Great Britain, form a most representative contingent from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, many of whom are taking an active part in the proceedings of the International Council of Nurses, and presenting Papers at the Congress.

The affiliation of the College with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, has been of great benefit to the Members, who have been brought into personal relations with many eminent persons at home and abroad, calculated to broaden their views of life and their sympathies.

Leading nurses from many parts of the world have visited the College during the year, and expressed approval and admiration of its arrangements.

#### Hopes for the Future.

The foundations of the British College of Nurses have been well and truly laid, and it now rests with the Fellows and Members to erect a structure worthy of the foundations. The future is in their hands, and its success depends entirely upon the efforts, the enthusiasm, and the spirit which each member brings to its service, and it is the earnest hope of the Council that during the coming year one and all will unite to prove how earnestly they can work in co-operation for the benefit of the great Profession to which they have the honour to belong.

*In conclusion* the Council of the College desires to express its gratitude to the Trustees for their continued interest in its welfare and their further financial assistance during the past year, and to the Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, for the large amount of personal work which this office has entailed upon him.

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK, President.

*On behalf of the Council.*

Miss Beatrice Kent, F.B.C.N., proposed that the Report be received, and Miss C. Liddiatt, F.B.C.N., seconded.

In annotating the Report the President emphasised the great loss sustained by the Council of the College

in the termination of office of Miss M. G. Allbutt and Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, both of whom had rendered exceptional service. Mrs. Andrews was recognised as the Orator of the Nursing Profession, and the excellent judgment of Miss Allbutt was a great asset; she hoped that both these Fellows would continue to take a keen interest in the work of the College.

The President emphasised the value of national and international friendship and co-operation in the Nursing world, and read cables from Montreal from Miss Nina Gage, President of the International Council of Nurses, "The Board of Directors desire to express its deep regret not to have you among us." "Congress greets heartily. Thanks message warmly."

From Miss Breay, F.B.C.N., who as representative of the Founder of the I.C.N., and herself a Foundation Member thirty years ago, has evidently been welcomed with the honour she deserved in recognition of her life-long devotion to the I.C.N.

"Splendid reception at Montreal," "Magnificent Meeting on opening of Congress."

The British delegates were evidently having the time of their lives.

Mlle. Chaptal, of France, had been elected President for the next quadrennial period, and the next Meeting would be held in Paris in 1933.

Miss Noyes, U.S.A., and Miss Jean Gunn, Canada, were re-elected to the offices of First, and Second, Vice-Presidents. Miss E. M. Musson, Great Britain, was re-appointed Treasurer—no easy task—and Miss C. Reimann, Secretary.

The Report was adopted.

#### Welcome to the New Councillors.

The President welcomed the three new Councillors Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, and Miss Alice Mary Bright, who were present in their Robes, and presented them with charming bouquets of pink roses and carnations tied with distinctive ribbon of the College colours, for which they expressed thanks.

#### Amendment to the Constitution.

The following Amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Council: "That the necessary quorum for Meetings of the Council shall be five instead of seven," as the number of the Council was reduced from 15 to 12 at the last Annual Meeting, was proposed by Miss A. Cattell and seconded by Miss H. L. Pearse, and carried unanimously.

#### The Financial Report.

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, presented a highly satisfactory Financial Report, which he explained in detail, and proposed that the Accounts be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes. This was seconded by Miss Annie Smith and agreed.

#### Appointment of Auditors

Messrs. H. Rendall Gothard, who had audited the Accounts for the previous two years, were re-elected as Auditors for the ensuing year.

#### Resolution of Thanks.

The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Bedford Fenwick: "That the most grateful thanks of this Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be, and hereby

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