

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

We wish to remind Fellows and Members that the opening of the Winter Session of the College will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd of October, when all who can be present will be welcomed at tea at 4 p.m.

A Meeting will be held to receive reports from Miss M. Breay, Miss Villiers, Vice-Presidents, and others who attended the wonderful International Council Meeting and Congress of Nurses held at Montreal in July last, at 5 p.m.

Before the Meeting terminates, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, will present the Fenwick Gold Medal of Merit to Miss M. Breay, in recognition of her life-long devotion to the organisation of Nursing, in connection with her work in support of the State Registration of Nurses, the organisation of the International Council of Nurses, of which she is a Founder Member, and her untiring and brilliant service to professional nursing journalism, as Hon. Assistant Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for 33 years.

Lectures.

During the Session, Lectures will be delivered at the College on:—

(1) Dietetics. (2) Bacteriology. (3) The Ductless Glands. (4) Skin Diseases and (5) the Eye. Grants will be given to five nurses who wish to attend the Autumn Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 25, Gordon Street, W.C.1. These Lectures begin on October 1st, and take place at 8.30 p.m. weekly. Those accepting grants must undertake to attend the whole course, sit for the Examination, and it is hoped they will obtain the Certificate. Applications for grants should be made to the Secretary at the College without delay.

Midwifery Grants.

Applications for grants of £35 for training in midwifery must be received by the Secretary by September 15th next.

Sister Tutor Grants.

Applications for grants of £50 towards expenses of Course for Sister Tutors can now be made.

Coaching Classes.

Coaching classes begin this month, September, for those nurses wishing for further instruction preparatory to sitting for the next examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Application as to terms to be made to the Secretary.

Debating Section.

The Secretary will be pleased to hear from those interested in this section, of subjects they would like placed on the programme for debates.

History of Nursing Section.

Miss Bushby, Miss Cochrane, R.R.C. and Miss Isabel Macdonald, together with the President and Vice-Presidents, were elected to form the History of Nursing Standing Committee at the last Meeting of the Council on July 27th, and Miss Bushby was elected Chairman. This section should become one of the most interesting activities of the College, and we hear already of gifts to be made, calculated to arouse and inspire professional appreciation. Women in this country have so far made little attempt to emulate men in their love of tradition.

The British College of Nurses intends to do its part in "rendering to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," and with Miss Bushby at the helm, with her well-known energy and enthusiasm, she will, we feel sure, make this branch of our work a great success.

The Nurse Secretary.

The President proposed at the last Meeting of the Council, and it was agreed, to organise facilities for Registered Nurses to qualify themselves as Nurse Secretaries. Now that there are an increasing number of responsible secretarial posts in connection with nursing organisation, it would appear that the double qualification of Registered Nurse and clerical certification on combined lines will be increasingly required in the future. We shall have more to say on this matter when details have been considered by the Council.

THE CLUB ROOM.

The Members Club Room at the College is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and tea is procurable between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m.

THE LADY GRIGG WELFARE LEAGUE.

Only those who have lived in countries where trained nursing is not available, and especially in tropical regions, can estimate its importance in this connection, for they know that precious lives of European officials and settlers, and of natives of these lands, are lost because such skilled help is not available.

On July 19th the Hon. Lady Grigg, wife of the Governor of Kenya Colony, paid a visit to the British College of Nurses, and met the President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) and members of the Council, who discussed with her the progress of nursing in the Colony, and learning of the important work being carried on there in connection with the Lady Grigg Welfare League, vividly realised how invaluable is a knowledge of the nursing of tropical and infectious diseases, as well as midwifery, if nurses are to be efficient for service overseas.

Since then we have received copies of the first General Report of "The Lady Grigg Welfare League for Child Welfare, Maternity and Nursing of all Races in Kenya." Such an aim is evidence of broad vision and courageous enterprise.

To carry out this ideal the work of the League is carried on by three sections, European, Indian and African.

European Section.—The European population of Kenya has, we are told, increased considerably during the past few years, and with it the need for fully-trained Nursing Sisters. Many nurses overseas who would have liked to work in East Africa have in the past been prevented from doing so owing to the absence of a Nurses' Institute and the lack of any organisation to assist them. A Nursing Association was therefore formed, and the erection of a Nurses' Institute decided upon, and four Sisters qualified both in general and maternity nursing were obtained from England and arrived in the Colony in October, 1927.

The erection of the Institute was made possible largely through the generosity of the Rothschild Fund Trustees, who gave the sum of £3,000 for a scheme to perpetuate the memory of the late Sir Northrup McMillan, an East African resident who during his lifetime was

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