

**FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.**

*October 19th.*—Meeting of the Council. 2 p.m.

*October 22nd.*—Opening of the Winter Session. Tea, 4 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m. Presentation of Fenwick Gold Medal of Merit to Miss M. Breay by the President.

Reports on the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Congress of Nurses at Montreal, by Miss M. Breay. Reports by Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Miss Mary Davy, and Miss Agnes Henderson on the Congress. Discussion.

*October 29th and 31st.*—Lectures on "The Eye" by Miss K. A. Mann, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 8 p.m.

*November 1st.*—Address on the Report of the Departmental Committee of the Ministry of Health, to consider the working of the Midwives Acts, 1902-26, with special reference to the training of midwives and the conditions under which midwives are employed. Speaker, Miss Gladys Le Geyt, F.B.C.N. 8 p.m.

*November 8th.*—Address on the Memorandum of the British Medical Association outlining a National Maternity Service Scheme for England and Wales. Speaker, Dr. W. H. F. Oxley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 8 p.m.

*November 29th and December 13th.*—Two Lectures on Bacteriology by Dr. Arthur Rosher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 5.30 p.m.

**Course of Six Lectures on Dietetics.**

A Course of six Lectures on DIETETICS, by Professor V. H. Mottram, M.A., appointed Teacher in the University of London, on Mondays, October 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and December 2nd. 5.30 p.m.

Professor Mottram will also give a Course of Lectures on the Ductless Glands in the New Year.

All the Lectures are free to Fellows and Members. Admission to non-members 1s., or 5s. the course of six Lectures.

Those wishing to attend Lectures must notify the Secretary, B.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE.**

During the past month the President and Council have had the pleasure of welcoming at the College many distinguished visitors and Fellows, amongst them Donna Maria Maraini Guerrière Gonzaga (President) and Miss Dorothy Snell, F.B.C.N. (Matron of the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena at Rome), whose kindness and hospitality to British Nurses (Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain), who visited Rome in September last year, in connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis, will ever remain a most delightful memory.

Donna Maria—so deeply interested in the nursing of the sick, and training of nurses in Italy—was received by the President, first Vice-President, and Miss E. M. Musson (Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales), all of whom had been her guests in Rome, and appeared to thoroughly enjoy inspection of the activities of the College. Donna Maria discussed at length nursing organisation, and was deeply interested in the decisions at Montreal—especially in relation to the reasons for the exclusion, at present, of the Italian nurses' associations from federation in the International Council of Nurses. It is to be sincerely hoped that, before the next meeting of the International Council, all will be in order for the inclusion of Italy.

Of our Montreal friends, Miss M. L. Parker, a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital, who is interested in providing a corps of disciplined attendants under the control of trained nurses, paid us a visit, and was much interested

in the College and its work; she greatly admired its beautiful rooms and appointments.

Miss Enriqueta Macaraig, Superintendent of Nurses at the General Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands (whose portrait appears on another page), paid an exhaustive visit to the College on September 28th, and on her way home from the Montreal Congress is visiting Great Britain, France, Belgium, Spain, and Italy, and studying nursing conditions. Miss Macaraig is a most brilliant woman with a wide grasp of world nursing politics, and immediately responded to the pioneer atmosphere which pervades the British College of Nurses. She derived great pleasure from seeing the original files of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and of the Journal of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the "History of Nursing," the exquisitely bound volumes of the I.C.N., and lives of the great nursing pioneers in the Isla Stewart Bookcase, and said they would never be forgotten by her.

The President (Mrs. Fenwick), Miss Breay, Miss Bushby, Mrs. Andrews, and Miss I. Macdonald were delighted to welcome Miss Macaraig and forge links of helpful friendship with the Filipino Nurses' Association, so recently affiliated with the International Council of Nurses, and to wish success to its further progress.

"Oh! it was a great joy to be accepted at Montreal," said Miss Macaraig, "and, indeed, I had tears of joy in my eyes."

**FROM A NURSE'S NOTEBOOK IN THE LAST CENTURY.**

An old reader writes: "I note a statement recently made by a correspondent in the B.J.N. that many nursing papers are more stodgy than they used to be. Certainly they are more academic because much of the humanity has been drummed out of them by science and exams. and in consequence nurses are not so sympathetic and humorous as they used to be when I was a Pro."

In my young days I dotted down in a little notebook sayings and incidents I considered instructive, under headings—to quote:—

**Tact.**

(Probationer home for holiday, clinging affectionately to father)

MOTHER: "Well! Betty, I must say you seem to expend all your affection on father!"

BETTY: "Do I? Anyway, mother dear, thank you ever so, for giving me such a darling Daddy."

**Dust and Death.**

SISTER: "Oh! Matron! dusting, what a shame!"

MATRON: "No snobbery, please; and don't you ever forget the close association between dust and death."

**Sympathy.**

STAFF NURSE TO SISTER: "It seems, Sister, you have only to look at the patients and all is well, even with the most grumpy."

SISTER: "Is that so? I only look as I feel."

**Ladies First.**

My experiences as a private Nurse were very illuminating. A very handsome and susceptible young Irish footman in placing my supper tray before me, poured into my tumbler the remains of a bottle of champagne.

"I've saved this for you from dinner," he whispered insinuatingly.

"Oh! 'ave you?" said a potentate butler appearing in the doorway—"Then let me tell you, young feller, by way of instruction, never 'and 'eeltaps to ladies."

This was in the dark ages before private nurses assumed the title of Sister, and this same punctilious old gentleman always addressed me as "Miss Nurse" "to prevent confusion with the nursery."

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