

AT HOME.

Miss Haswell, M.B.C.N. (Local Consul) and Miss A. M. Haswell, F.B.C.N., gave an "At Home" at 17, Princes Avenue, Liverpool, on November 1st, to local Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, to meet Miss D. K. Graham, F.B.C.N., Member of Council. There was progressive whist, and no doubt a merry gathering—as the Misses Haswell are very bright hostesses.

INVITATION DANCE FOR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Miss Dorothy Graham and Miss Isabel Macdonald are arranging a Dance for Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses for Saturday, November 23rd, from 8 to 12 p.m. It will take place at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. They invite all Members of the College, who care for dancing, to be present. It is with regret that they have to restrict their invitation to those who dance as, although the ballroom is large, all the space there is likely to be wanted for those who "trip the light fantastic toe."

The hostesses hope that many Members of the British College of Nurses may be able to accept their invitation; they will be glad if all who intend to be present will, *before the 19th instant*, send their acceptances of this invitation to 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7; thereby they hope to be able to arrange for equal numbers of ladies and gentlemen—an important item in organising a successful dance. It is hoped that Members from the country may be able to come, and if any wish to engage rooms for the night Miss Macdonald will be glad to supply them with suitable addresses.

FIXTURES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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 11th, 18th, 25th, and December 2nd.—Lectures on Dietetics by Professor V. H. Mottram, M.A., appointed Teacher in the University of London. 5.30 p.m.

November 23rd.—Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

November 23rd.—Dance for Fellows and Members, by invitation of Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss Dorothy Graham, at the House of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 8–12 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.

All the Lectures are free to Fellows and Members. Admission to non-members 1s.

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

December 3rd.—Portrait of Sir Richard Barnett, late M.P. for South-West St. Pancras, to be placed in the Club Room of the College in the presence of Sir Richard Barnett and those closely associated with him in promoting the Nurses' Registration Bill, and Fellows and Members of the College.

THE OPENING MEETING OF THE WINTER SESSION.

The Opening Meeting of the Winter Session of the British College of Nurses took place at 39, Portland Place, on Tuesday, October 22nd, when many Fellows and Members assembled and were welcomed by Councillors in their robes.

The entrance hall and beautiful rooms, decorated through the kindness of the Fellows and Members—more especially of Miss Agnes Henderson, of Glasgow—with lovely autumn flowers and foliage, were greatly admired, and friends were happy in meeting friends after the long vacation, while enjoying a delicious tea.

THE FENWICK GOLD MEDAL OF MERIT.

On an adjournment being made to the Lecture Hall, the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, took the Chair, when the first business on the Agenda was the presentation of the Fenwick Gold Medal of Merit to Miss Margaret Breay, F.B.C.N.

Before the proceedings began Miss Alice Cattell, F.B.C.N., presented to Miss Breay a lovely sheaf of golden chrysanthemums with some charming words of greeting.

Presentation of the Fenwick Gold Medal to Miss M. Breay.

Rising, the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, said, addressing Miss M. Breay:

Dear Margaret Breay,—I have the very greatest pleasure in presenting to you the first Fenwick Medal of Merit. I know no one who deserves it so well. I well remember the day, in the year 1884, when you applied to me, as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to be admitted as a Probationer for training, and how I entered your name in my little red note-book, placing against it the three x's, which meant:

"This applicant must be secured: (1) for the benefit of the hospital; (2) of the patients; and (3) of the Nursing Profession."

Your career at St. Bartholomew's was one of three years' devotion to the sick and high moral example. You carried off the Clothworkers' Prize at your Preliminary Examination, and I regret that I was called away before your training terminated, and that I did not therefore sign your certificate.

Since leaving St. Bartholomew's Hospital forty years ago, you have devoted every hour of your life to the uplift of the nursing profession, for which you have the true vocation. Attached to St. John's House for five years, working with that wonderful and inspiring woman, Sister Dorothea, of All Saints, as Sister and Matron at the Metropolitan Hospital, and Pupil and Superintendent of St. John's House Maternity Home at Battersea, where as a "born Midwife" your career was one of great usefulness and personal gratification. Later as Matron of the English Hospital at Zanzibar, maintained by the U.M.C.A., you entered a mission field of work, in which your wonderful sympathy with, and appreciation of, the coloured people gained for you great appreciation and influence.

Upon your return to England in 1895 you entered upon a new and unlimited field of labour, little appreciated by the average nurse—that of the organization of the Nursing Profession by Act of Parliament. You helped to organise, in 1896, the very finest Nursing Exhibition in London which has ever been held, and from that day to this we have sat on opposite sides of the editorial table of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, and we are still sitting. (Laughter.)

During these thirty-three years you have worked untiringly all day, often and, half the night in the thirty years intensive struggle for the State Registration of Nurses. You

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