

chievous, thieving, swearing little imp. So unmanageable that he had to be removed to an institution for M.D. children.

36 (a) O.B. 8/F School 10.3.24.

(b) Diplopia, excitement. T.101. Lethargy, double vision. Dull mentally, but active and excited at first. Defective speech, unequal pupils; (c) 15.3.24 removed to Hospital.

(d) 2.7.26. Memory very poor, loss of power and pain in legs preventing walking at times. Lethargic, but *has fits of temper and bullies*. Unfit for school. Has grown obese.

44 (a) J.M.W. 21/M. Joiner's apprentice 2.2.24.

(b) Pains back head and down l. leg followed by twitching sensation of all muscles in body. Insomnia, painful contraction l. leg with ankle-clonus present. Tickling sensation l. foot. Vision affected, no diplopia.

(d) 27.4.26. *Disposition changed, is now self-willed and intolerant of interference.*

These cases, both in the first and second classes, could be augmented from the personal experience of Fellows of the British College of Nurses.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following Recommendations are respectfully submitted :

1. That protective legislation should be enacted empowering suitable authorities to keep sufferers from the after effects of encephalitis lethargica under observation and control, and to provide, if desirable, care in institutions, or in special colonies for cases of this nature, whatever the age of the sufferer.

2. That steps should be taken to secure an amendment to Section 1 (2) of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1927, by the deletion of the words "existing before the age of eighteen years" so that the Section may apply to "mental defectiveness" at whatever age it may first develop.

3. That if a medical certificate is furnished to the police that a person who is charged with a criminal offence is suffering from the after effects of encephalitis lethargica, he shall not be detained in custody, or brought to trial in a criminal court, but shall be regarded, and cared for, as a sick person, and shall be dealt with in special courts to be constituted for this purpose. Should it transpire in the course of a trial in the ordinary courts that the accused has suffered from encephalitis lethargica, then he shall be dealt with as a sick person, and not as a criminal.

At present the law allows of no distinction between these pitiable cases, in which the delinquents are not responsible for their actions, and common criminals; and the Council of the British College of Nurses regards it as a reproach to our social system that such a distinction cannot be made by judges and magistrates under existing laws.

The Statement was approved, and the Secretary was directed to forward it to the Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

Correspondence.

1. Letters of regret at inability to attend the Meeting were received from Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss D. K. Graham.

2. A letter was received from the Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, dealing with matters relating to the Council.

3. Letters from two Fellows *re* Legal advice upon which action was taken.

4. Letters from a Fellow and a Member *re* Benevolent Grants.

To one applicant suffering from a serious operation

£10 was awarded, £5 on loan. To second applicant £5 was awarded.

5. Letters of thanks for sympathy and congratulations.

Thanks for Diplomas.

Miss Olive Mack, Brighouse, Yorks: "When I saw my Diploma, I blushed with pride, especially when I saw the names of all those wonderful women whose lives were noble and beautiful inscribed on it."

Miss F. K. Barnard, S. Australia: "I wish to acknowledge and thank you for the safe receipt of the beautiful Diploma proving me a Fellow of the British College of Nurses. I am glad and proud to possess it, and will regard it as a great trust."

Miss F. C. Hamp, S. Australia: "I have received my Diploma safely; it is indeed beautiful, and I am so very pleased to possess it. Please accept my sincere thanks."

Miss A. C. Bassett, Southampton: "I am very pleased with my beautiful Diploma, and shall take the greatest care of it."

Mrs E. M. Williams, Islington Institution: "I wish to thank the Council of the British College of Nurses for the honour they have conferred on me by my election as a Foundation Fellow of the College, and to acknowledge the receipt of the Diploma, which I shall value."

"I should like to take this opportunity of wishing the College success in its efforts on behalf of the Nursing Profession."

Miss F. MacLeod, Bradford: "With the greatest pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of my Diploma. I am very pleased indeed to have been elected a Fellow of the British College of Nurses."

Miss F. D. Hodsman, Hull: "I wish to thank you very much for the Diploma I have received. It is beautiful, and I am very proud to be the happy possessor of it."

Miss A. B. Maguire, Glasgow: "I write to thank you for my Diploma which I have just received. It is beautiful and has been much admired."

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met at 39, Portland Place, W.1, on Thursday, March 14th, at 4 p.m.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Trustee and Treasurer, was in the Chair.

The details of expenditure to date of the £1,000 allocated in July, 1928, were considered.

It was agreed that Lectures might be given in the Provinces, and paid for out of the Lecture Fund.

The Finance Committee approved and recommended the foundation of a Reference Library, and sanctioned the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £40 for the purchase of such Books as should be approved by the Council.

The Report with amendments was adopted.

Miss Graham's Report.

In the absence of Miss Graham, the Report was read by the Secretary. Miss Graham had held Meetings at various Hospitals, and had held classes at the College in General Nursing, Surgery, Anatomy and Physiology, in preparing pupils for the Examination of the General Nursing Council. Letters were also read, giving reports of their work, from the Midwifery Pupils receiving Grants from the College.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications were received for Fellowship and Membership, and all the applicants were elected.

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