

Local Consuls, to enable them to arrange social gatherings locally for Fellows and Members.

A new departure during the year, organised by the Social Schemes Committee, the Chairman of which is Miss Isabel Macdonald, who had the active and expert support of Miss Cecilia Liddiatt, F.B.C.N., has been the organisation of some very delightful Rambles, in conjunction with the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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. It was preceded by a Reception, when the guests were received by the President, and Councillors wearing their Robes of Office. On an adjournment being made to the Lecture Hall, the President took the chair. The first business on the Agenda was the presentation of the Fenwick Gold Medal of Merit to Miss Margaret Breay,

Miss Breay—who acted as proxy for the President at the Business Meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Council of the I.C.N. which preceded the Congress Week, and throughout the Congress—then referred briefly to the increased usefulness, happiness, and enlargement of vision which have resulted from the foundation of the International Council to Nurses all over the world and to the impetus given through it to the peace of the world. If "all men are brothers"—and the Boy Scouts and their great Chief were a living testimony to this—the Nursing Profession, through the International Council of Nurses, had discovered that "all nurses are sisters." That was the message which some 7,000 nurses of forty nations had carried back to their home countries, a not inconsiderable contribution to the promotion of world peace.

Benevolent grants have been made in several instances to Fellows and Members in need, and the usefulness of



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THE LECTURE HALLS, BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, WHERE THE ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD, JULY 10th, 1930.

F.B.C.N. In presenting the Medal, Mrs. Fenwick described Miss Breay's nursing career in words of generous appreciation and Miss Breay expressed her pride and pleasure in receiving the gift. The ceremony has been reported at length in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

This was followed by the presentation by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Councillor, on behalf of the Council, of the beautiful Book of Remembrance—a memorial to Miss Emmeline Maude MacCallum, F.B.C.N. She briefly described the heroic part taken by Miss MacCallum in connection with the organisation of Nurses. In accepting the book on behalf of the College, the President said that the Nursing profession could not afford to forget its martyrs. No doubt there had been many in the cause of Nursing, but very few in the cause of Nursing organisation. Maude MacCallum's work was all the more valuable for that very reason.

this Section of the Council's activities is being clearly demonstrated.

A valuable collection of data connected with the Nursing profession has been obtained by the History of Nursing Committee, under the able and energetic chairmanship of Miss A. M. Bushby.

The advisability of Fellows and Members being entitled to wear Academic Robes has received sympathetic consideration from the Council, and it was agreed that, when the Examination for Diplomas has been established, the Fellows and Members who passed the examinations should be entitled to wear such Robes, if they wished to do so, under defined Regulations. And in recognition of those Foundation Fellows and Members who had come forward and helped to establish the College, it was agreed that they should, at the same time, be eligible to acquire Robes under the defined regulations.

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