

THE RECEPTION.

The Annual Meeting was followed by a Reception, held by the President and Council, a very popular gathering at which friends and well wishers of the College joined the Fellows and Members.

The exquisite floral decorations were the handiwork and very generous gift of Miss Beatrice Treasure, F.B.C.N., a labour of love for her College which money could not purchase, for hers is a "gift of the gods," the magical touch of the true artist, and the power of expression through flowers.

Pink hydrangeas and graceful ferns were massed in the entrance halls, great sheaves of delphiniums, and clusters of sweet peas decorated the office, and amidst this charm of sweet flowers delicious refreshments were served; everywhere there was animation and good fellowship, and Fellows and Members were showing with pride to their friends their beautiful Club Room, and the various departments of their College. In the Council Chamber were sweet-scented lilies upon which the afternoon sun sent shafts of sunlight through the long windows.

Much interest was shown in the historical collection in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Association, which, under the energetic chairmanship of Miss Bushby, the History of Nursing Section is rapidly developing into a valuable possession of the College; and the file of copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING housed on the top floor was evidence of the important work carried on in this connection over a series of years, and the carefulness with which these historical records have been preserved.

WHAT OUR FELLOWS ARE DOING.

Miss Hilary H. Riggall, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., has been successful in passing the examination for the Certificate in Mental Health granted by the London School of Economics and Political Science after a year's post-graduate course for social workers. This numbers her amongst the first twelve women in Britain to be trained as Psychiatric Social Workers and the only Registered Nurse. Miss Riggall has now been appointed a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Child Guidance Clinic, Highbury. As psychological work among children is obviously of growing importance it is of special interest to know that the first nurse to be trained for dealing with the social side of this work is a Fellow of the British College of Nurses.

Miss Riggall also holds the Health Visitors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the Health Visitors' Diploma of the Battersea Polytechnic, with Distinction in Physiology, has recently gained the certificate of the British College of Nurses in Advanced Psychology, and is a certified midwife.

It is of interest to know that Miss Elizabeth Jessie Weaver, F.B.C.N., and Miss Alice Frances Russell, F.B.C.N., who took the first and second places in the Examination in Advanced Psychology recently held by Dr. T. Ronald Forsythe, at the British College of Nurses, both passed the examination and gained their Sister Tutors' Diplomas at the Battersea Polytechnic.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

Nurses who desire to join the Coaching Classes in October next, please apply at once to The Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Former pupils taught by Miss D. K. Graham have passed the State Examinations and been placed upon the State Register of Nurses, without which qualification nurses have no legal status at home or abroad.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Forty-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on July 19th, at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair, and the following members were present: Miss M. Breay, *Vice-President*; Miss D. K. Graham, Miss Norah Farrant, Miss I. Macdonald, *Fellows*, and Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss A. M. Bright and Miss K. M. Latham, *R.R.C.*, *Members*.

Prayers were read by the Secretary; the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letters from Miss E. Brodie and Miss Norah Farrant, conveying their thanks to the Council for the confirmation of their Nominations as Members of the Council.

NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT FOR CASES OF POST ENCEPHALITIS.

Letter from Dr. Worster-Drought, stating that the Post-Encephalitis patient in whom the Council is interested had not yet been admitted to the Northern Hospital L.L.C. The danger to young girls of these afflicted youths being at large was emphasised, and it was agreed to communicate a "Memo" on this case to the London County Council, now responsible for the treatment of such cases, and to urge the necessity of providing extended institutional treatment at the earliest possible date.

OBJECTIONABLE ADVERTISEMENT IN "NURSING MIRROR."

The President reported that the following conjoint Protest from the Royal British Nurses' Association and the British College of Nurses, had been sent to the Editor of the *Nursing Mirror*, dated July 4th, asking that "it might be inserted in the forthcoming issue of your paper in which the advertisement to which we object appeared on June 14th last."

The Royal British Nurses' Association and the British College of Nurses take strong exception to the following advertisement which appeared in "The Nursing Mirror" of June 14th last:

"Will those nurses who have failed in the Final State or Hospital Examinations, either this or last year, and who have left, or are leaving their Training School, communicate their name and address to 2725, 'The Nursing Mirror,' 24, Russell Square, London, W.C.1, when they will be offered posts with a salary equal to that of a Trained Certificated Nurse."

This advertisement is calculated to cause injury to the Members of the Nursing Profession because it ignores the legal status of that Profession, disregards the value of a minimum standard of qualification as established by the State, undermines the economic privileges of the nurses and fails to protect the sick from unqualified and dangerous attendants.

The Royal British Nurses' Association and the British College of Nurses beg to enter the strongest protest against such an irresponsible advertisement.

The following reply had been received from the Editor of the *Nursing Mirror*:—

The Nursing Mirror and Midwives' Journal.

24, Russell Square,
London, W.C.1,

Editorial Department.

8th July, 1930.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date. We are as regretful as your Association and the British College of Nurses that the advertisement to which you refer should have disgraced the pages of *The Nursing Mirror*. The explanation is a simple one; the insertion was made in error. The advertisement arrived with hundreds of others on a Wednesday morning, and came from one of our regular advertisers. She has never given cause for complaint before, with the result that in the rush of going to press, the reader

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