

3. Letter from Mrs. Adah B. Thoms, with autographed copy of her work, "Pathfinders, History and Progress of the Colored Graduate Nurses."

The President stated that under great difficulties the colored women in the States had made admirable progress in attaining high standards of nursing education, and practice. "Pathfinders" was an intensely interesting book, and should be studied by those nurses born with every advantage for perfecting themselves in professional efficiency.

With great care and effort there has been assembled the available history in the development of nursing by the colored races in the United States. The material has now been presented in book form. The contents are divided under several heads, including the pre-professional period, which carries stories of volunteer colored nurses before and during the Civil War, a brief appreciation of Miss Mahoney, the first graduate colored nurse, followed by a chapter on the development of prominent nursing schools, to which biographies of the outstanding graduates are appended. Sixty-one half-tones of people and places illustrate the pages.

The President reported she had asked Mrs. Thoms to forward two autographed copies of her work, so that one would be available for the Lending Library.

4. Letter from Miss E. Dinnie, sending gifts of valuable books, in which she writes of a copy of "V.R.I., Her Life and Empire," by her son-in-law, the Marquis of Lorne, later Duke of Argyll: "It is nicely bound in blue and gold and in most excellent condition. I have gone into some detail, as I should not dare to offer to our beautiful College anything which had not *some*, however small, claim to literary or other value!

"I was not able on Thursday last to spend as long a time as I should like to over the Florence Nightingale treasures, but noticed there were various books on her 'Life,' but I do not think one by Sarah Tooley. If you would like it for the College I might be able to secure it."

The Council offered a warm vote of thanks to Miss Dinnie for the books sent, and assured her they would value any work in reference to Miss Nightingale.

5. Letters of thanks for Certificates for the Course in Advanced Psychology, from Miss Hilary H. Riggall, Miss Alice Russell, Miss E. McQuade, and Mr. F. A. Mace, all expressing interest in the Course of Lectures and appreciation of the Certificate from the College.

6. Letters of thanks for Diplomas from Miss E. Ward and Miss E. M. Winnall, who appreciate its beauty.

Miss E. Ward writes from Launceston, New Zealand: "I consider it a privilege to be admitted a Fellow of the College, and even in this distant land I hope I may be permitted to do something to further its interests. Any such institution or association which is out to raise the standard of nursing should receive whole-hearted support from members of our profession in all parts of the world."

7. In reply to a letter from Mrs. Bidder *re* the representation of the College on the Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women—it was agreed that Miss D. K. Graham, should be elected to act.

8. Letter from Miss N. Green, General Secretary N.C.W., enclosing copies of the Resolutions adopted at the Annual Conference at Portsmouth, and other documents. The Council was pleased to note that the majority of Resolutions for which they had directed their delegate to vote were approved, but regretted that Miss Villiers had not been re-elected on to the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement.

Subscriptions to the amount of £113 8s. had been received since the last meeting.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications received were approved and all candidates were elected.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, Chairman, presented the Report of the Education Committee held at the College on Tuesday, October 21st. There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President; Miss M. Breay and Miss M. S. Cochrane, Vice-Presidents; Miss D. K. Graham and Miss K. A. Smith, Fellows. Miss Farrant was unable to attend. Miss Bone, Matron of the Tropical Diseases Hospital, notified a reduction of fees for Lectures from £4 4s. to £2 2s. for the Course.

An application for a grant to study for the Health Visitors Certificate was received from Miss I. Dance, M.B.C.N. since 1928, trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, who holds the C.M.B. Certificate, and is at present staff nurse taking fever training at the North-Western Hospital, Hampstead. The Education Committee recommended the grant should be given.

Further consideration of a scheme for a Central Preliminary Training School for probationers was deferred until information is forthcoming as to what steps, if any, the London County Council intends to take in the matter.

The Committee recommends for the consideration of the Council that the following Lectures should be given after the New Year. A Course of four Lectures on Tuberculosis and recommended that Dr. F. Roland G. Heaf, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.S., should be invited to deliver the Lectures.

One Lecture on Leprosy, Dr. Cochrane to be invited to deliver the Lecture.

One Lecture on Radium, and one on Medical and Nursing Progress in Labrador and two Lectures on Cancer investigation up to date.

It was proposed that grants be given to enable Fellows and Members to attend Mr. Allan Walker's Lectures and visits to places of historic interest in London. It was recommended that Matrons of large general and special hospitals be invited to accord the privilege of permitting a Class, not exceeding twelve Registered Nurses, to be shown the administrative departments of such hospitals.

Referring to the sad loss of their faithful friend, Major Sir Richard Barnett, the President extended the invitation of his family that a deputation from the College should attend in their Robes the funeral service on the following day.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss I. Macdonald, Chairman, reported that the arrangements for the Dance to be given by her and Miss Graham, jointly, to members of the College and the Royal British Nurses' Association at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on November 8th, was evidently popular, and many nurses had notified their acceptance of the invitation.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., had graciously consented to take the Chair at the Lecture on Nursing History with lantern slides, to be given by Miss I. Macdonald at the College on Wednesday, November 26th, at 3 p.m.

Miss M. S. Cochrane and Miss A. M. Bushby agreed to act as hostesses on the occasion instead of giving an additional "At Home" which was arranged to take place in November.

The President advised that Registration Day be held at the College, and the Cake lighted and cut at a function at 5 p.m. after the Meeting of the Council in December, as December 23rd, the anniversary of the Passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts, was too near Christmas.

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