

beginning to realise that the most important factor is the Mind, and all that it means for the satisfactory working of the human machinery. I have also had a letter from a Sister Tutor at a Mental Hospital in Wales, asking for the outline of our system of training, as the Hospital where she was working only allowed the Nurses in training one hour's tuition weekly. I forwarded her a detailed account of the training our Nurses receive here (the Kent County Mental Hospital), and she expressed amazement at the standard we had arrived at; so you see, despite the many discouragements one meets from time to time, yet there is a ray of hope through it all."

8. Letter from Miss Myra L. Taylor, R.N., Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland, asking if there is a standard curriculum used by Training Schools in England for the general training of Nurses? and asking for a copy.

The following reply has been sent:—

"The Nurses' Registration Act (England), 1919, provides that the General Nursing Council shall define a 'prescribed scheme of training,' but this so far has not been done. The General Nursing Council has drafted a scheme of Examination to which recognised training schools have to conform before their Nurses are eligible for examination by the Council, which if passed makes them eligible for registration.

"The Council of this College approves the provision that a 'prescribed scheme of training' shall be enforced, a duty which has been urged upon the General Nursing Council. We do not think a system whereby the probationers are examined without a defined scheme of training is a just one."

9. Letter from Miss Sarah M. Round, All Saints' Dispensary, Panval, India, enclosing a most interesting account of the work (to be published later). She writes:

"Every time I get the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the more pleased I am that I became a Fellow. The Journal inspires one so, and here in this vast country one feels the Fellowship of it all. . . . I wish that some of the Indian Nurses could join but, alas! that is not possible yet until this country is on the Register. My trained Indian nurse is a jewel, and is so clever. . . ."

"What a wonderful time it must have been when Major Sir Richard Barnett's photograph was hung at the College."

10. Letter from Miss Muriel Harvey, Laboratory Dept., St. John's Hospital, Springfield, U.S.A., enclosing the outline of the three Courses given at St. John's: the Prospectus of Course in Clinical Pathology, the Prospectus of Course in X-Ray Technique, and the Prospectus of Course in Physiotherapy, also the illustrated Prospectus of St. John's Hospital Nurses' School.

Miss Harvey writes: "The Nurses' Home which has been completed is really beautiful, and everything has been done to give comfort and pleasure to the student Nurses, and I think it counts for so much these days to find students a happy and pleasant environment. . . . I know in New Zealand our Home was a *home* and we loved it. . . . Owing to the overflow of Nurses being trained in the United States, they have commenced to grade the schools; the idea is a good one, only the best educated will be able to train and a college degree is going to play a big part in the coming years. . . . I was so pleased to get our magazine, and to see my name in it pleased me more than I can tell. I feel it an honour to belong to the College, and if at any time I can help in matters pertaining to information regarding Nursing in this country I would try to give my best."

11. Miss Edith F. Hawkins writes from Eloise, U.S.A.:

"Dear Ladies of the Council,—

"It is with very great pleasure that I write to tell you of the arrival of my Diploma, which I received a couple of

days ago. Everyone I have shown it to admired it very much and wanted to know all about it. They were especially interested in the names inscribed all round, and I was very glad to be able to tell them something (however little) about each one of them. I am glad that my professional qualifications were found worthy of such high honour as that bestowed by the British College of Nurses, and I shall always try to be loyal and faithful to all that our College stands for."

Several other nice letters of thanks for Diplomas wishing the College success were received, and other communications were dealt with.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All the applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the History of Nursing Committee, reported as follows:—

I beg to present to the Council a report of the work done since the last meeting. I have received from the late Miss Mollett's sister full particulars of her life and work. Photographs have been sent, but not yet received. I have written again to Miss Mollett, who lives in Chile, South America, and I hope in due time to receive them.

Miss Mary Agnes Sniveley, of Canada, has also sent me particulars of her work, and has promised to send me photographs and a small personal gift.

Mrs. Fenwick has had a photograph of Miss Florence Nightingale given to her by Miss E. A. Jones, and on the back of the frame a cutting from a paper, as follows:—

The Lady with the Lamp.

"There is a story that after the return to England of the troops from the Crimea, Lord Stratford, at a dinner, suggested that those present should write on a piece of paper the name of the person whose Crimean reputation would endure longest. When the notes came to be examined, it was found that not a single soldier had received a single vote. Every paper bore the same two words—Florence Nightingale."

I have received this morning two letters of Miss Florence Nightingale, also one copy. Cuttings from newspapers, and two old copies of the *Sydney Punch*. I have to pay £8 for these, and I should be most grateful for any help the members of the Council may be able to give me. Miss F. Bartleet has given the History of Nursing by Sarah Tooley, and has had it bound for the History Section, also a Jubilee Medal of Queen Victoria in silver. I have copied a short account of Miss Nightingale's life to put in the folder containing all information relating to her.

The Report was approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SCHEMES SECTION.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Chairman of the Social Schemes Committee reported as follows:—

Jointly with the Royal British Nurses' Association the Members of the British College of Nurses had a Ramble to Canterbury. We had a delightful drive and several Members provided lunch for the party. At the Cathedral we were received by the Vice-Dean of the Cathedral, the Rev. T. G. Gardiner, who addressed us in the nave and extended a warm welcome to us from the Dean and Chapter, stating that there were many pilgrims to Canterbury but none who were so welcome as the Nurses. We were conducted over the Cathedral by Miss Babington, the Steward of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, who gave us a most exquisite exposition of the beauties contained in the Cathedral.

Some twenty Dutch Matrons and Nurses, conducted by Miss Meyboom are to visit England from 6th to 20th April.

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