

Matron on the various departments of her respective Hospital, and the kindest hospitality was also extended to the class.

A Resolution passed by the Education Committee "That it would be advisable for this College to consider the possibility of organising a Central Preliminary Training School for Probationers" has been accepted by the Council, and it is hoped will be carried into effect.

Before taking further steps in the matter, enquiries have been made as to whether the London County Council contemplated organising such a School. A reply in the negative, but approving of such a Scheme and promising support in the event of the British College of Nurses organising such a School, was received from Miss Bannon, Matron-in-Chief of the Nursing Department, London County Council.

A Scheme drafted by Miss D. K. Graham to follow the Curriculum required for the Preliminary State Examination for Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is under consideration by the Council of the College, and the Scheme, when finally adopted, will be published in our official Journal.

Educational Grants.

The following Educational Grants have been made by the Council during the last year and have been greatly appreciated by those to whom they have been awarded.

Three Grants of £35 each to enable three Fellows to take the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board. It is satisfactory to report that each Fellow gained the Certificate of that Board.

Two Grants of £25 each to one Fellow and one Member and one Grant of £15 15s. to one Fellow with the loan of all necessary books, to take the Health Visitor's Course.

Two Grants of £2 2s. each to two Fellows to attend the Course of Lectures in the Nursing of Tropical Diseases given at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens. Both the candidates passed, one being highly commended in the Examination which took place at the end of the Course.

A Grant of £5 11s. was given to defray the combined travelling expenses of the Fellows and Members who attended the Classes on Hospital Administration.

A large number of technical books have been added to the Lending Library, and these have been much appreciated, and have proved especially valuable to Fellows and Members when studying for the higher Examinations, and the Council has decided that there shall be a section of the Lending Library for other than scientific books.

Social Activities.

The Third Annual Dinner was held on July 9th, 1930, at the Monico Restaurant, Shaftesbury Avenue. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, presided, and it was generally considered to be an unqualified success.

The Guests of Honour, "The Gifted of the Gods," were

some twenty-four persons of eminence in Art, Music, the Drama, Literature and Science, and the various speeches were greatly appreciated.

Several "At Homes" have been given at the College by Councillors, and Fellows and Members have expressed much pleasure at the opportunities of thus meeting and coming into personal touch with one another, and discussing their common interests.

A new feature of the year was "London Week," when Councillors of the College acted as hostesses and five Fellows and Members from the Provinces were entertained in London for a week's visit, which included the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

The Council has decided for the year 1931 to hold the Annual Dinner in October, and that its scope and programme shall be a History of Nursing Dinner. An explanatory programme will be compiled describing the characters in a set Pageant, and the speeches will deal briefly with the outstanding events in Nursing History.

Opening of the Winter Session.

The Opening Meeting of the Winter Session of the British College of Nurses took place at 39, Portland Place, on Thursday, October 16th, 1930, when many Fellows and Members were present. It was preceded by a Reception, when the Guests were received by the President and Councillors, wearing their Robes of Office.

The first business on the Agenda was the presentation of Certificates to those who had successfully passed the Examination in Advanced Psychology conducted by Dr. Ronald Forsythe, after a series of Lectures given by him earlier in the year, namely, Miss E. J. Weaver, F.B.C.N., Miss G. N. Poskitt, M.B.C.N., Miss H. G. Ballard, M.B.C.N., Miss M. Eyre, and Miss N. Williams, M.B.C.N.

Miss E. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., F.B.C.N., then presented the prize she had promised, "Instinct and the Unconscious," by Dr. W. H. B. Rivers, to Miss E. J. Weaver, F.B.C.N., Sister Tutor at the Eastern Hospital, Homerton.

The History of Nursing Section.

A valuable collection of data connected with the Nursing profession has been collected by the History of Nursing Committee, under the able and energetic chairmanship of Miss A. M. Bushby. This includes original letters of Miss Florence Nightingale, original sketches of scenes in the Crimean War, and many valuable gifts, including books now out of print, prints, and porcelain, and other historic treasures. For Miss Bushby's valuable work the Council desires to place on record its deep obligation to her.

The Tutorial Group of the College has taken a very active interest in the teaching of Nurses, and most excellent Papers have been read and printed in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Meetings of the Group have been



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