

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 Council joined the Fellows and Members.

The College looked lovely, a profusion of beautiful flowers having been donated by Fellows and Members, the roses grown by Mrs. G. F. Wates, and brought from her own garden, being most artistically arranged. Each room had its own scheme of decoration, and amidst this wealth of sweet flowers delicious refreshments were served.

Everywhere there was warm animation and good fellowship, and Fellows and Members were showing with pride to their friends the various departments of the College, including their beautiful Club Room and the stately Council Chamber, with its many treasures, a number of which have been added since last year, including the beautiful show case given by Mrs. John Temple in which the Book of Remembrance is preserved.

The Section which has made greatest progress during the year is that of the History of Nursing, to which Miss A. M. Bushby has devoted much time and expert knowledge.

Some of the new acquisitions were on view, including Nightingale and other precious possessions, and it was realised, especially by the medical practitioners present, how valuable an educational factor this Section will be.

The beautiful works on Joan of Arc which are cared for in the Isla Stewart Memorial Library are of special interest.

Altogether the Fellows and Members had every reason to be proud of their College.

COACHING CLASSES.

Coaching Classes are held by arrangement at the College to prepare Nurses who require additional instruction, and to prepare them for the Examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Apply for terms to the Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

CLASSES ON ADMINISTRATION.

Arrangements are being made by the Council of the British College of Nurses to organise Classes, during the Autumn Session, on Hospital Administration to be held probably in October and November, 1931.

By the kind consent of the authorities of General and Special Hospitals, Classes of Fellows and Members of the College will be conducted on a tour of inspection of the Matrons' Departments for Administrative Instruction.

Those who wish to attend these Classes are requested to communicate as early as possible with the Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, as the number of the Class is limited to twelve and there are five vacancies only. The course will comprise visits to:—

1. General Hospital—Charing Cross Hospital, Strand.
2. Infectious Diseases Hospital—Brook Hospital, Shooters' Hill.
3. Municipal Hospital—Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith.
4. Tuberculosis Hospital—Colindale Hospital, Hendon.

GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The following Grants to be allocated, July 1931-1932, are still available. :—

Three Grants for Midwifery Training, and Examination by the Central Midwives Board, of £35 each.

Three Grants for Autumn Course of Lectures and Examination on Tropical Diseases at the Tropical Diseases Hospital.

FIXTURE.

September 19th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.15 p.m.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The fifty-seventh meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, July 25th, at 2.15 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair, and the following members were present: Miss M. Breay and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., *Vice-Presidents*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss Gladys Le Geyt, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., *Fellows*; and Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss A. M. Bright and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Members*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were read from Miss E. Brodie and Miss Norah Farrant.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Before taking the business on the Agenda, the President offered a very hearty welcome to the three new members of the Council, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss G. Le Geyt, and Miss E. J. Haswell—from all of whom letters had been received expressing their pleasure upon their election, and offering the best service of which they were capable to the College and their colleagues.

BUSINESS ARISING.

The Need for Female Attendants in Public Mortuaries.

The Resolution passed by the Council at its meeting on April 18th, urging the appointment of Female Attendants in Public Mortuaries to care for the bodies of dead women, had, as directed, been sent to important Public Authorities responsible for the management of Public Mortuaries, and a large number of replies had been received.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC MORTUARIES.

Replies received.

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| <p>(A) Town Clerk, Exeter.
Town Clerk, Leicester.
Town Clerk, Reading.
Town Clerk, Huddersfield.
Town Clerk, Oldham.
Assistant, M.O.H., St. Marylebone.</p> | } | <p>Female attendants are already employed to handle dead bodies of women.</p> |
| <p>(B) Town Clerk, Dorchester.</p> | } | <p>In both mortuaries women employed, in one instance State Registered Nurses, and in the other nurses.</p> |
| <p>(C) Medical Officer of Health, and Lord Mayor's Secretary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.</p> | } | <p>Thinks the suggestion that a nurse should be available for mortuary service, in the case of females, a very good idea, but not a question of a medical character.</p> |
| <p>Town Clerk, Buxton.</p> | } | <p>Mortuaries private, belonging to undertaker.</p> |
| <p>Chief Constable, Cambridge.</p> | } | <p>No public mortuary, cases sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.</p> |
| <p>Town Clerk, Canterbury.</p> | } | <p>Number of cases too small to justify such an arrangement, only ten cases during last five years.</p> |
| <p>Medical Officer of Health, Manchester.</p> | } | <p>Not in favour of trained nurses as mortuary attendants.</p> |
| <p>Clerk to the London County Council.</p> | } | <p>Referred to Standing Joint Committees.</p> |

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