

7. A copy of the Second Interim Report of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing—which can be studied at the College by Fellows and Members.

8. Letters of thanks for Diplomas.

Miss Jane T. Ruddy, Matron of High Grove Sanatorium, East Grinstead, writes: "What a delightful surprise I had this morning on receiving my Diploma from the College. I will treasure it. It is like everything else I saw at the College 'Good' . . . I trust I may prove a worthy member of it."

Miss F. E. Bazeley writes: "I am very proud to possess my Diploma and will always endeavour to carry out in my work the high ideals of the College to which I belong.

"I think I told you I have finished my course at the 'Hospital for Tropical Diseases' and passed the examination with honours. I was hoping eventually to go to Africa as a missionary but the society to which I applied decided that my health was not good enough for the African climate. . . . so have offered to the Ranyard Medical Mission and hope to join in their noble work among the sick poor."

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All the applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement; £227 17s. had been received in subscriptions since the last meeting.

RESOLUTION.

The Council proceeded to consider the following resolution:—

"That owing to the financial and the political crisis through which the country is passing, the Annual Dinner be deferred."

The President said she felt sure the Members of the Council would hesitate to promote any social function at the present time requiring the expenditure of College Funds, or to require members to incur expense in supporting the History of Nursing Dinner. Expenditure at the moment required consideration, and what could be spared might well be used for the benefit of members who might be in need. But as the Pageant of Nursing Dinner would be primarily of an educational character she advised it should be postponed and given at a more convenient season. The Members of Council were quite unanimous and voted to postpone the Dinner from October 26th, when it was to have taken place. The month of May, 1932, was suggested as a convenient date, and it was agreed that the Council consider the date later, in the meanwhile going forward with preparations which required so much consideration.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Owing to vacations there were no reports from the Education, Social, or History of Nursing Committees, but arrangements had gone forward concerning the organisation of the autumn session of the Administrative Classes and twelve pupils had applied for permission to attend them. The first class would be received by Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., at Charing Cross Hospital on Saturday, October 10th, at 2.30 p.m.

Miss Quinlan would receive the Class at the Brook Hospital (Infectious Diseases) in October.

Miss Allbutt would receive the Class at Fulham Hospital (Municipal) early in November and Miss Solomon at Colindale Hospital (Tuberculosis) in November. Dates to be finally arranged.

Seven of the former pupils had asked to attend the continuation course, and the following five new pupils wished to avail themselves of the privilege:—Miss G. M. Aiken, Private Nurse; Miss J. S. Crombie, assistant

Matron, Paddington Hospital; Miss L. M. Mackie, Assistant Matron, West Ham Children's Hospital; Miss D. Marriott, Matron, Bedford College; and Miss L. A. Parry, Matron, Chalfont Colony, Gerrard's Cross.

The Council agreed to include the five new applicants in the Class.

Letters of regret at being unable to attend the autumn classes were received from Miss T. Hyde, Miss E. M. McQuade and Miss M. C. Ping.

Letters of thanks had been received from Miss Moase for the First Prize, and from Miss Spencer Jones for the supplementary Prize for their excellent reports of the Summer Classes.

Miss D. K. Graham will personally conduct the Class to the various hospitals, and a prize of £2 2s. will be awarded to the pupil who sends in the best report from each hospital visited.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS.

Health Visitors' Certificate.—Miss Ivy May Evison, to whom a grant to qualify for the Health Visitors' Certificate had been awarded, wrote that she had accepted the post of Probationer Health Visitor at Bradford, where remuneration was given. The Council decided that as it was not necessary to subsidise public authorities, the whole grant could not now be given, but that if Miss Evison found difficulty in paying her Examination Fees, etc., amounting to £10 10s., the Council would help her to this extent.

Miss Enid Owen reported that she had passed the Health Visitors Examination.

Midwifery Grant.—An application for a grant of £35 to train in midwifery for the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board was received from Miss Annie Teresa Smyth, F.B.C.N. since 1928, Cert. the London Temperance Hospital, N.W., 1924–1927, Sister at same Hospital. The Council awarded Miss A. T. Smyth a grant of £35.

Housekeeping Grant of £10.—Miss E. Fenton informed the Council that she had arranged to take her Housekeeping Course, beginning December 12th, at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield.

Tropical Diseases Grant.—Application for a grant to attend the Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases was received from Miss Teresa M. V. Johnson, M.B.C.N. since 1927, cert. Essex County Hospital, Colchester, Sister West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, N.W. The Council awarded the grant.

MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

The next meeting of the Tutorial Group will take place at the British College of Nurses, on Tuesday, September 29th, 1931, at 8 p.m., when a Paper will be read by Miss Ballard, Sister Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, London, N., upon "The Feeding of Patients."

The Annual Meeting of the League of Sister Tutors will take place at the College Farm, Finchley, on Saturday, October 17th, 1931, at 2.30 p.m.

A meeting of the Tutorial Group, with consent of the Council, will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, at 8 p.m., when a Paper will be read by Miss D. K. Graham, upon "Nursing Procedures in the Diseases of the Nervous System."

The report was approved.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented a Statement in which she reported that there had been 43 visitors to the College, amongst them Miss Mary A. Hood, R.N. (Matron of Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, China); Miss Helen M. Biermann, R.N.; Miss Martha L. Hood, R.N. (from the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.); Miss Elnora Thomson (President, American Nurses' Association); Miss Mabel Thurstan (late Matron-in-Chief,

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