

Nursing Profession in the House of Commons, and also on questions of Public Health.

The following replies had been received from:—

Lady Astor, assuring her sympathetic attention at all times in matters which affect the Nursing Profession.

Miss Irene Ward: "I shall be pleased to receive any representations that you may require to bring to my notice should occasion arise."

Mrs. S. A. Ward: "I am very interested in the Nursing Profession, and in all matters pertaining to the care of the sick, and shall always guard the interests of your great profession."

Lady Iveagh: Acknowledgment of letter.

Mrs. Runge: "I will certainly pay most careful attention to any Measure which may be introduced dealing with the position of Nurses, but in any case I do not think one on the lines you mention (the Brockway Bill) is likely to pass in the present Government."

Miss E. Rathbone: "I shall be glad to do anything I can to protect the interests of the Nursing Profession in Parliament."

(Since the Council meeting the Duchess of Atholl and several other women M.P.s have sent kind letters in reply.)

#### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement—£33 12s. od. had been received in subscriptions since the last meeting.

#### REPORT OF SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss Haswell, who had organised the Lecture on Nursing History delivered by Miss I. Macdonald, in the Liverpool University, on November 6th, reported that it had been very well attended, and greatly enjoyed by those present. The Lantern Slides had been very well presented and the University thanked for its courtesy in permitting the Lecture to be held in the Lecture Theatre, New Arts Block.

Miss Haswell and Miss Macdonald were thanked by the Council for their successful arrangements.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the History of Nursing section, said:

Since the last meeting of the Council, we have bought, and have had given, several very valuable additions to our History Section.

(1) Portrait Sketch in colour of Miss Florence Nightingale by Hayter.

(2) A bronze medal, with the replica of the Jewel given by Queen Victoria to Miss Nightingale at the end of Crimean War, and on the reverse side a portrait of Miss Nightingale reading. This is on the table for your inspection.

(3) An envelope addressed to C. Rawlinson, Esq., C.E., by Miss Nightingale, and her monogram.

(4) Two prints: (a) Her Majesty Queen Victoria and Prince Arthur; (b) Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and Royal Children. Bought by the College.

Three coloured prints of Rouen, and one print on white satin of Entry of Joan of Arc into Orleans. After H. Scherrer. Given by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

"Mother Magdalen Taylor. Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God." The Author of Eastern Hospitals by an English Nurse. Given by Miss Woodford, R.R.C.

"Mother Magdalen Taylor." Large edition, with pictures, and one of her in the dress she wore as a Nurse in the Crimea, given by myself.

Picture "Esculape," Dieu de la Medecine; picture

"Hippocrate," Père de la Medecine; in antique gold frames. Given by Miss I. Macdonald.

"Miss Florence Nightingale," by Annie Matheson. Given by Miss Bright.

"Notes on Hospitals," by Florence Nightingale. Third edition, enlarged and for the most part rewritten. Given by Miss Bright.

"Notes on Nursing for the Labouring Classes," by Florence Nightingale, 1898. Given by Miss Bright.

"A Woman's Example and a Nation's Work," a Tribute to Florence Nightingale, 1864. Given by Miss Bright.

"The Life of Florence Nightingale." First Edition. By E. T. Cook. Given by Miss Le Geyt.

Miss Bushby received the thanks of the Council for fine list of gifts to the History of Nursing Section.

#### MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

##### Classes on Administration.

##### The Colindale Hospital. (Tuberculosis.)

On Thursday, November 5th, 1931, the members of the Administration Class visited the Colindale Hospital. The Matron, Miss Solomon, explained to the members in the Nurses' Class room the methods of administration used in the Hospital. She handed to the class the various books kept in the Matron's Office, sample diet sheets and menus. A copy of the rules of the Hospital and other information was given to each member of the class.

The Matron invited the members to visit the following departments: the General Stores, the Kitchen and Scullery, the Wards, the Occupation-therapy departments, the Theatre, the Laundry, the Sewing-rooms, the Recreation Hall and Chapel, the Nurses' Homes and Sitting-rooms.

At the conclusion of the visit, Miss Solomon kindly invited the class to tea in the board-room, and before leaving the members thanked her very much indeed for her instructive address and for her great kindness and hospitality.

##### Fulham Hospital. (Municipal.)

On Thursday, November 9th, 1931, the members of the Administration Class visited the Fulham Hospital. The Matron, Miss Allbutt, explained to the members in her office the chief methods of administration used in a Municipal Hospital. She allowed the members to inspect the books, diet sheets and menus, and invited the class to visit the following departments: the Massage and Light department, the Matron's Stores, the Kitchens and Scullery, the Wards, the Chapel, the Nurses' Homes and Class-rooms.

The Matron gave the class a delightful tea in the Nurses' Sitting-room, and before leaving the members offered Miss Allbutt a very hearty vote of thanks for her interesting and instructive address, and for her great kindness and hospitality.

#### THE TUTORIAL GROUP.

The Annual meeting of the Tutorial Group, with consent of the Council, will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, 1932, at 5.30 p.m. Reception and Tea 5 p.m.

The Report was adopted with thanks and it was agreed to send a hearty vote of thanks from the Council to Miss Solomon and Miss Allbutt, for the great kindness and courtesy extended to the Class. Those able to attend the meetings had expressed themselves as greatly benefited by the information placed at their disposal.

#### THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented a detailed statement of petty cash expenditure and reported that she had received £1 for the History Section from Miss A. M. Bright, making £2 16s. od. in hand. The following sums had been spent: Crimean medal, £1; Envelope addressed by Florence Nightingale with her monogram on flap, 5s.; Print of Miss Nightingale, £1; two engravings forwarded by Miss

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