

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement. Subscriptions to the amount of £246 15s. od. had been received since the last meeting.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION SECTION.

In the absence of Miss Cochrane, chairman of the Education Committee, the Secretary read the report, which dealt with the arrangements for lectures during February and March.

A correspondence was reported with Dr. F. N. K. Menzies of the London County Council, re the fees paid by the College to lecturers in the service of the L.C.C. No reply had been given to the question as to whether the fees were retained in whole or in part by the L.C.C., but permission had been given for the officer who had been invited to lecture at the College to receive his own fees.

All the medical practitioners invited to deliver lectures during the Spring Session had consented to do so.

Six tickets had been procured for distribution, for the course of five lectures to be given by Mr. Allen Walker, on "The History and Architecture of Westminster Abbey," during February.

The questionnaire issued by *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, January, 1931, was considered.

Under this heading the President reminded the Committee that *The Lancet* had appointed a Commission of Inquiry into conditions of service of the nursing profession, with special reference to the recruitment of suitable student nurses. On considering the composition of the Commission, it was agreed that no useful purpose could be attained unless representative Registered Nurses in various branches of nursing, in addition to the two Matrons, were included on the Commission, to sift evidence, and help to draft the report concerning their own affairs. This fundamental mistake of excluding the actual workers from such a Commission had been strongly objected to on previous occasions by the Registered Nurses, and should be rectified before it was too late, if the Commission was to attain any useful result.

The possibility of organising a Central Preliminary Training School for Probationers, referred to by the Council, was further considered.

Such a scheme was approved by Miss D. E. Bannon, Matron-in-Chief of the London County Council.

After discussion the subjects to be taught were agreed, and by request of the Committee, Miss D. K. Graham consented to draft a scheme to follow the curriculum required by the Preliminary State Examination for Nurses. It was agreed to give wide publicity to the scheme when adopted, to ascertain what support such a training school would receive from suitable candidates—the need of a Nurses' Hostel should receive attention in connection with the scheme.

As the History of Nursing Section was a valuable educational department of the College, the President suggested that members of the Council should, if they thought fit, subscribe £1 quarterly towards extending its purchasing power.

This was agreed.

The report was adopted.

THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Owing to social activities in the hospitals it was decided to suspend such functions during January in connection with the College.

THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, reported that since the last Council meeting she had been able to obtain a copy of "An Account of the Diseases of Children; an Essay on Nursing," by George Armstrong, M.D., 1788,

said to have been the first to found a Children's Hospital. Also "The Sanitary Conditions of the Army," by the Rt. Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., "From the Author."

"West, on the Diseases of Infancy and Childhood, 1848."
"Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale, given by Miss Ellis Rowell.

Ditto, the property of Mr. Robert Rawlinson, "Notes on Hospitals," presentation copy given by Florence Nightingale to Mr. Robert Rawlinson, with historic notes and photograph.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her work for the Section, and the report was adopted.

MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

A meeting of the Tutorial Group was held at 39, Portland Place, W.1, on Tuesday, January 20th, 1931, at 8 p.m. A paper was read upon "Gynaecological Nursing" by Miss H. Ballard, Sister Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, Shore-ditch, N.

The next meeting of the Tutorial Group will be held at 39, Portland Place, London, on Tuesday, February 24th, at 8 p.m., when a paper will be read upon the "Treatment of Wounds," written by Miss E. Divens, Sister Tutor, The Royal Infirmary, Dundee.

Miss Graham represented the National Council of Women of Great Britain, by invitation of Lady Emmott, at the funeral service for Dr. Ethel Bentham, which was held at the Golders Green Crematorium, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 11 a.m. The beautiful and impressive service was conducted by the Society of Friends. The speakers took as their subject "Death, the Gate of Life" and spoke of the fuller life granted to those who "passed over."

The report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported that 321 communications had been received since the last meeting, and 678 sent out.

Two Fellows and six Members had taken the Obligation, and there had been 23 visitors to the College.

On January 22nd the first Lecture of the Session had been delivered by Dr. Frederick Heaf on the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The President was in the Chair and a total of thirty attended the Lecture.

Of the 12 tickets secured for Mr. Allen S. Walker's Lectures and Visits illustrative of the History and Architecture of Westminster Abbey, five had been bought by Councillors, and seven given to Fellows and Members at liberty to attend. The Lectures were of great historic interest.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss L. B. Peat.—Photo of Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.
Miss H. G. Ballard.—Book: "A Simple Method of Institutional Management," by E. Leggatt.

Miss K. A. Smith.—Concert tickets.

Miss Margaret Barry.—5s. for Flowers.

Miss A. M. Bright.—5s. for Flowers.

Miss A. M. Bushby.—Holly and evergreens.

Miss A. T. Hyde.—5s. for Flowers.

Miss I. Macdonald.—Flowers. "The Grandeur that was Rome," by Stobart, "The Glory that was Greece," by Stobart. (Isla Stewart Memorial Library.)

For History of Nursing Section.

Miss Ellis Rowell.—"Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Miss E. Dinnie.—Framed picture of Friedrike Fliedner.

Miss E. Brodie.—£1.

Miss I. Macdonald.—£1.

Miss Ballard.—£1.

Miss Graham.—£2 ros. (Nightingale letter).

Miss Farrant.—£2 5s. (Nightingale letter).

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