

to the Council had been received, there was no election, and the Council confirmed the Nominations of Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss A. M. Bushby.

As there was no application for nomination for Election of a Member to the Council, in accordance with the Bye-Laws, the Council will elect a Member at a future Meeting, the retiring Member being Miss A. M. Bright.

Many Fellows and Members at home and overseas have expressed their pleasure on receiving the College Diploma and their appreciation of the beauty of the design.

The College Badge has also been much appreciated. It can be obtained from the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. The cost is 10s., which includes the engraving of the name and College number, and postage.

Warm appreciation has been expressed by many Fellows and Members of the College, of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of which, for the last thirty-nine years, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has acted as Hon. Editor, in collaboration with Miss Margaret Breay. This is very satisfactory, because it indicates that its readers realise the vital importance of a free professional voice in the press, as well as the onerous and invaluable work given to the Nursing Profession by the President of this College in this connection.

The Council of the College has been mainly concerned during the twelve months in consolidating its work in the following directions; the promotion of (1) efficient professional and civic education; (2) the economic security of its Fellows and Members; (3) legal protection; (4) social activities; (5) benevolent help; (6) the collection of historical data connected with the Nursing Profession.

A Lecture on "A Stimulus to Teaching" was delivered on March 15th by Miss Evelyn Wilkins, B.A. (Sociology, Lond.), the Head of the Public Health Department, Battersea Polytechnic; and a Lecture on "The Four Temperaments" was given by Miss Isabel Macdonald, on April 19th, when a large and appreciative audience attended.

The organisation of courses (four in each course) of Administration Classes, conducted by Miss D. K. Graham, when twelve Fellows and Members, by the kind permission of the authorities, visited General, Municipal and Special Hospitals, have proved a most popular branch of our Educational work.

This year the class visited the following Hospitals, where they were most courteously received and conducted on a tour of inspection of the Matron's department:—Charing Cross Hospital, Strand, W.C. (General Hospital); The Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, S.E. (Infectious Diseases); Colindale Hospital, Hendon (Tuberculosis); Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith (Municipal).

On each occasion the class was most kindly received and addressed by the Matron on the various departments, and the kindest hospitality was extended to them.

On completion of the course, Fellows and Members of the Class were invited to compete for a Prize of £2 2s. to be awarded for the best written Paper on Hospital Administration. In response, Papers of a

high standard were received. The Prize for the best Paper was awarded to Miss Jean S. Crombie, M.B.C.N., Assistant Matron, Paddington Infirmary, W.9, and a Consolation Prize of one guinea (given by a Councillor) to Miss Lucy A. Parry, F.B.C.N., Matron, The Colony, Chalfont St. Peters, Bucks, whose Paper was highly commended.

The scheme for forming a Central Preliminary Training School for Probationers has received serious consideration, and a draft Syllabus has been drawn up and approved; but in the meantime the Education Committee recommended, and the Council agreed, to defer the organisation of such a school until there is evidence that it can be financially supported by parents and others.

Educational Grants have been made by the College, and have been greatly appreciated by those to whom they have been awarded.

Two Grants of £35 each to enable one Fellow and one Member to train and take the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board; one Grant of £25 to a Member to take a Health Visitor's Course, and two Grants of £10 each to Members to take a course of training in Housekeeping.

Two Grants of £2 2s. each to a Fellow and a Member to attend the Course of Lectures in the Nursing of Tropical Diseases given at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens.

A Grant of £11 10s. was given to defray the combined travelling expenses of the Fellows and Members who attended the Classes on Hospital Administration, including the Lecturer's Fees.

A Grant of £15 was given to a Fellow resident in India to enable her (1) to attend as a delegate at the All India Women's Conference in Madras, and (2) to visit the Leper Asylum at Dieppoli to learn something of the most modern treatment of Leprosy.

A large number of technical books has been added to the Lending Library, which have been much appreciated and have proved especially valuable to Fellows and Members when preparing for the higher examinations.

The section for other than scientific works has also attracted much interest, books on Travel, Biography, etc., being available.

A Dance was given at the Royal British Nurses' Association for Fellows and Members of the College, when Miss Macdonald and Miss D. K. Graham were the hostesses, on December 3rd, 1931.

This year, our social activities were extended to the provinces, when Miss I. Macdonald and Miss E. J. Haswell organised a Lecture on Nursing History, delivered by the former in Liverpool on November 6th, and Miss Haswell acted as organiser.

The Council had agreed that last year the Annual Dinner should be held in October, instead of July as in past years, and that the feature of it should be that of a "History of Nursing" Dinner.

Owing to the serious financial and political crisis which occurred in the early autumn, the Council decided that the Dinner should not be held.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain was held on March 12th, in the Lecture Hall of the British College of Nurses; there was a good

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