

BOOKPLATES.

Miss Le Geyt asked permission to have designed suitable and artistic bookplates for the Library and the Isla Stewart Library, preferably presenting in centre the portrait of the President for the former and of the Isla Stewart Plaque for the latter. The Council agreed that with permission from the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League in connection with Miss Stewart's portrait it would be much gratified to receive these generous gifts from Miss Le Geyt. Proofs to be submitted at the next Meeting of the Council.

MEETING, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.**

The President reminded the Council that the half-yearly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.C.N. was to be held in April; it had been recommended that this year a whole day should be set aside to give time to consider business in connection with the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and the Congress, to be held in Paris-Brussels, July, 1933. Any recommendations the Council wished placed on the Agenda should be submitted at its next meeting in April.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss A. M. Brace: Book, "Psychology for Nurses," by Mary Chadwick.
Miss Wiese, Miss A. T. Hyde: Flowers.
Miss Le Geyt: 5s. for flowers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, March 19th, at 2.15 p.m.
The Meeting then terminated.

COLLEGE FIXTURES.

March 15th.—Meeting of Tutorial Group. Miss Evelyn Wilkins, B.A., Principal, Battersea Polytechnic Public Health Department, will Lecture on "A Stimulus to Teaching." 5.30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses.

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

April 5th.—Meeting of Fellows and Members, conjointly with the Royal British Nurses' Association, to consider the Report of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing. 5.30 p.m. Friends of Fellows and Members will be cordially welcome.

COACHING CLASSES FOR THE STATE EXAMINATION.

Nurses requiring special Coaching for the Examinations of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in General, Children's or Fever Nursing, should apply for particulars to the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

WHAT OUR FELLOWS ARE DOING.

Miss Sallie Round, F.B.C.N., writing from Panvel, Bombay Presidency, describes a visit to Madras as a Delegate from Konkan to the Sixth All-India Women's Conference, which she was able to undertake having, much to her pleasure, received a grant for the purpose from the British College of Nurses. She says:—

St. Mary's College, Madras, is a beautiful spacious building. The first business was registering and receiving our badges. The big event of the day was the Opening Session at the Senate House. This is a magnificent building; some parts of the decorations looked like lace work; inside it was just as wonderful. They had certainly done their best to give us a right Royal welcome. The Delegates were given front seats, and I should think there must

have been quite 1,000 present. The President for the ensuing year was given a great ovation (I think she is an Indian Christian). On the platform all schools of thought were represented and this was the only occasion on which, except for the press, gentlemen were admitted. The Song of Welcome was most inspiring. The Address of Welcome, read by Mrs. Nazir Hussain, was remarkable; it was her first day out of Purdah and her first public appearance. Her voice was slightly tremulous, but this added to its charm. The main idea of her Address was the gathering together, from all parts of India, women intent on helping their sisters and their Country. She said Madras was in advance of other Cities, as it had Free Compulsory Education for girls, the same as for boys. There were four large Colleges for Women, and one Medical School, and the Madras Medical College had sixty-nine girls studying for the M.B. and B.S. Degree examination. She went on to say that Indian history was full of glorious instances of Women's lives both Hindu and Moslim. She begged us to support local industries; abolish the dowry system and promote Communal harmony. Her Address was greatly applauded.

The Organising Secretary then read her report which showed a great advance. She is a most enthusiastic worker and has the gift of inspiring others.

Mrs. P. K. Kay began her Presidential Address with the regret that the Maharanee Sacharu in Bengal was not in the Chair owing to illness. She said the keynote of the Conference was Educational Reform. In the world the value of human life does not lie in passing one's degrees with honour, but in conducting one's self with honour and grace, keeping in view the ideals we have created, and gathered, to guide ourselves in life. When we come to Social Reform it is the homes that require our strictest attention.

Then followed Addresses from the Minister of Education, the Vice-Chancellor of Madras University, and the President of Madras Corporation. With all that was put before us one began to feel the immensity of the Conference.

All the Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday were given to Educational Reform in schools and colleges for girls, and the choice of a right curriculum. Nearly all the Speakers pressed that Domestic Science and Physical Culture should be compulsory subjects. Most of the discussions were given in English, Urdu, Tamil Hindi, or Telegu, Marathi or Canarese according to the speaker. It was just marvellous the way some of the problems were tackled.

There was another song at the close of the session. We were then taken to a beautiful house for dinner, as the guest of Mrs. Rajam and Mrs. Sita Ram. It was a perfect Indian dinner; we all sat on the floor and our plate consisted of a large piece of banana leaf looking so fresh and green. The contents made it look like a jigsaw puzzle, but very tempting. It was the first big meal I had attempted to eat with my fingers and really it was not so difficult as it seemed, and I prided myself on doing credit to the good things provided. I like the Indian food. There was some dancing, acting and Indian music by young girls, and then a cinema. By the end we were all very tired and glad to get to bed. The morning was beautiful and one woke with the sound of the sea coming in. Breakfast at 8.15 a.m. The buses were all waiting to take us to the museum theatre, where the rest of the sessions were held. This, too, was a splendid building, and most appropriate; the stage made a fine platform. It was all so tastefully arranged and a band of volunteers to take us to our respective places; what seemed to me as an excellent idea was that each session the places were changed so that those sitting at the back eventually came to the front.

There was an enquiry office and a stand with stationery and stamps for sale.

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