

given by Miss E. Wilkins, Principal, Public Health Department, Battersea Polytechnic, S.W., at the British College of Nurses.

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Tutorial Group will visit the Cow and Gate Factories in the West of England, leaving Waterloo at 8.15 a.m., and returning about 8 p.m. (all expenses paid by the firm).

On Saturday, June 11th, Miss Graham will be "At Home" to Sister-Tutors at her house, 2, Holders Hill Gardens, Hendon, N.W.4.

On Tuesday, July 5th, the Tutorial Group will visit Lyons Factory at Greenford (coach leaving the College, 39, Portland Place, 1.30 p.m.).

On Tuesday, July 26th, the Tutorial Group will visit Huntley & Palmers' Factory at Reading, arriving at the Factory at 3.15 p.m. (expenses to be defrayed by each member).

The Council adopted the Report with thanks.

#### THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented an interesting Statement. There had been 32 Visitors to the College.

The Meeting and Reception of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain on March 12th, to meet the new President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, was a very happy gathering, and the Lecture on "A Stimulus to Teaching," delivered by Miss Evelyn Wilkins, B.A., was well attended and much appreciated. There was a balance in hand of £1 12s. 6d. for the History of Nursing Section.

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed to publish the Notice of Election to the Council in the April issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Two vacancies for Fellows and one for a Member would occur. The Election takes place in July.

#### MEETING, APRIL 5TH, TO CONSIDER FINAL REPORT OF "THE LANCET" COMMISSION.

The arrangements for the Joint Meeting of the College and the Royal British Nurses' Association to be held on April 5th were discussed. It was agreed to discuss the Recommendations:—

1. On age for probationers especially in relation to their physical development in adolescence.
2. Discipline in training.
3. The interdependence of Practical and Theoretical Professional Education.
4. The One Portal to the Register.

Miss Brodie reported that the large majority of Matrons in Scotland who had recently discussed the present system of the education of Nurses, were of opinion that through co-operation there should be a complete reorganisation of the training of Nurses.

The Council expressed firmly their adherence to the One Portal system of examination for admission to the State Registers, as at present provided under the Nurses' Registration Acts.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Recommendations were considered and approved to be submitted to the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to be held on April 14th, in reference to the business of the quadrennial Meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at Paris in 1933.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

History of Nursing Section.

Royal Mementoes Section, *Victoriana*.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—A Rockingham Figure of Queen Victoria seated on Throne in Robes and Crown; a Rockingham figure of Queen Victoria, seated with infant Prince of Wales on knee; Companion figure, the Prince Consort;

Staffordshire figure of Queen Victoria crowned and in robes' with scroll in hand addressing Parliament.

A Crimean Group, Staffordshire, of Queen Victoria standing hand in hand with the Sultan of Turkey and the Emperor Napoleon III., inscribed "Turkey, England, France."

A Crimean Group, Staffordshire, of Omar Pasha (Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Army) and attendant lighting hookah, with dome of St. Sophia in background.

Fine water-colour portrait, framed, of the Princess Charlotte Augusta, wearing wreath of white roses.

Miss C. C. du Sautoy.—Picture of Florence Nightingale with her Owl, by P. N. Delt.

Miss H. G. Ballard.—£1 is. donation to History of Nursing Section.

Miss M. G. Allbutt.—Book, "The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Clifford Allbutt, K.C.B.," by Sir Humphry Davy Rolleston, G.C.V.O., K.C.B. Isla Stewart Library.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—"Survey of Nursing Education in Canada," from the Canadian Nurses' Association. "Manual of Human Physiology," by Sir Leonard Hill. "The Care and Nursing of the Infant," by D. A. Kennedy, S.R.N., St. Thomas's Hospital. "A Manual for Midwives," by J. B. Banister, M.D., F.R.C.S. "A Guide to Anatomy," by E. D. Ewart. "Textbook of Massage," by L. L. Despard.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Concert and theatre tickets.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### COLLEGE FIXTURES.

##### APRIL,

April 19th.—Miss I. Macdonald, F.B.C.N., will read a Paper on "The Four Temperaments," at 5.30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all Fellows and Members of The British College of Nurses.

April 23rd.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.15 p.m.

##### MAY.

May 3rd.—Tutorial Group expedition to the Cow & Gate Factories in the West of England. Leave Waterloo at 8.15 a.m. (All expenses generously paid by the firm).

#### COACHING CLASSES FOR THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

Nurses requiring special coaching for the Examination 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.

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The Notice of Election of two Fellows and one Member to the Council will be found on the inside cover, page ii.

#### THE FINAL REPORT OF THE LANCET COMMISSION.

The combined meeting convened by the British College of Nurses and the Royal British Nurses' Association on Tuesday, 5th April, was largely attended by a most interested audience. The President was in the Chair, and Misses Breay, Cochrane, Bushby, Graham, K. Smith, Ballard, Le Geyt, Councillors, were present and took part in an animated discussion. Miss Isabel Macdonald spoke for the R.B.N.A. It was agreed to convey an expression of thanks to *The Lancet* for its interest in nursing matters, and to report its regrets at the omission of recommendations on questions of vital importance to the profession. The "One Portal" to the Register was recognised as imperative. A full report of speeches and conclusions will be inserted in our next issue.

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