

GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

It was agreed that the following Grants should be allocated for the year July 1933-34 :—

Two Grants for Midwifery Training and Examination by the Central Midwives Board of £35 each. Two Grants of £10 each towards Hospital Housekeeping Course. Two Grants of £2 2s. each for Autumn Course of Lectures and Examination on Tropical Diseases at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

It was agreed that the holding of Administration Classes be continued at other Institutions as well as Hospitals, to begin in October.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS LLOYD STILL AND MISS MUSSON.

It was unanimously agreed to send congratulations to Miss Lloyd Still on her election as President of the International Council of Nurses, and to Miss E. M. Musson on her re-election as Treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS WELCOMED AT THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the President and members had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Bella Gordon Alexander, President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and Second Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses; Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, President of the Nurses' Association of China; and a number of overseas delegates, and members of the recent Congress in Paris and Brussels, including Miss Isabel M. Stewart, Director, Nursing Education Department, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City; Miss Isabel MacIntosh, Chairman of the Private Duty Section of the Canadian Nurses' Association; Miss Anna E. Wells, of the Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg, Canada; Miss Olive A. Ancill, Skidmore College School of Nursing, Cambridge, New York; Miss Elizabeth Stringer, Visiting Nurses' Association, Brooklyn, New York; Miss Marion Durell, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Miss Jeanette Shafer, Lincoln, Nelio; Miss Cesarea Tan, University of the Philippines, Manila; Miss Chin-Feng Sun, Peiping Hopei, China; and Miss Margaret Gorey, Peking Union Medical College; Miss Natsuye Inouye, Japanese Red Cross Central Hospital, Tokyo; and Miss Elma T. Rosenberger, Executive Director of the Seoul Child Welfare Union.

The guests were welcomed by the President in the beautiful Council Chamber, and an interesting incident was the presentation by the President of bricks from Miss Nightingale's room at No. 10, South Street, W., to Miss Isabel Stewart, Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, Miss Cesarea Tan, Miss Natsuye Inouye, and Miss Elma Rosenberger, together with copies of the History of the International Council of Nurses (1899-1925) autographed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Breay.

Mrs. Fenwick explained that by the kindness of the Duke of Westminster, the British College of Nurses had received fifty bricks when Miss Nightingale's house was in process of demolition, and these were now being distributed, as occasion offered, to nursing centres around the world, and were much prized historical mementoes.

The visitors then adjourned to the Secretary's office, which, as is customary, was most tastefully decorated, with the rest of the College, with a profusion of lovely flowers.

It was a very friendly gathering which renewed friendships, or formed new ones while tea was served and enjoyed, and later many of the guests took the opportunity of seeing, under Miss Bushby's expert guidance, items from the History Section of the College, of which she is chairman.

For those members of the College Council who had been unable to attend the Congress the opportunity of meeting some of its distinguished members was greatly prized, and we realised as ever when nurses of many nationalities meet in social intercourse, the unity which exists between those of all nationalities and creeds, united by sympathy of purpose in a common endeavour.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND RECEPTION.

The Annual Meeting on July 27th was followed by a Reception held by the President and Council, and this, in spite of the lateness of the season, proved more popular than ever. A profusion of lovely flowers, many of which being a gift from Mrs. Wates, F.B.C.N., were charmingly arranged by the office staff. Cream hydrangeas and graceful ferns were massed in the entrance halls, sheaves of brilliant gladioli and roses decorated the Council chamber. Clusters of sweet peas decorated the office, where delicious refreshments were served.

This year the presence of International guests added greatly to the animation and good feeling everywhere, and visitors were much interested in the rooms in which the work of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is organised. The President and Council delighted to welcome and entertain: Miss B. J. Singh, Delhi, India; Miss M. I. Hall, Vancouver; Miss Grace E. Hamilton, Toronto; Miss Jean Wilson, Montreal, Canada; Miss Marion Lindeburgh, Assistant Director, School for Graduate Nurses, McGill University, Montreal; Miss M. L. Jacobs, Matron, London Mental Hospital, Ontario; and Captain Troubridge, representing our Member, Capt. Cunningham Reid, D.F.C., M.P., who gave such valuable service to the Nursing Profession in blocking Mr. Batey's Bill in the House of Commons.

Enthusiastic interest was shown in the Historical collection which, under the energetic Chairmanship of Miss A. M. Bushby and by her devoted interest, is rapidly developing into a valuable possession of the College, and the complete file of copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING filed in the Recording Office is evidence of the important work carried on in this connection for the past forty years and the carefulness with which these Historical Records have been preserved.

WHAT OUR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS ARE DOING.

Miss M. B. Mackenzie, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., is commencing a Private Practice as a visiting nurse at 27, Larkhall Rise, Clapham, S.W.4. As well as being a fully qualified nurse, Miss Mackenzie is a certified midwife.

Miss Ellen L. Smith, M.B.C.N., has accommodation for two chronic cases at Iverholm, 6, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, Middlesex, or would welcome anyone needing rest and nursing care.

BOOKS IN DEMAND.

Although nurses may prefer technical books for study, we would like to draw the attention of our Fellows and Members to some additions to the Lending Library of outstanding works :—

"The Life of Florence Nightingale," by the following authors: Sir Edward Cook, 2 vols.; Mrs. O'Malley; and Annie Matheson.

"Life of Elizabeth Fry," by Susanna Corder.

"They Knew how to Die," by Sophie Bolcharsky and Florida Pier.

"Clever Country" (Frontier Nursing Service), by Caroline Gardner.

Books may be borrowed for one month by communicating with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses.

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