

The Meeting then terminated.

In our last issue, we reported how happy was the annual reunion of the members of the College, and with what very great pleasure they welcomed so many international colleagues from countries near and far, fresh from attendance at the wonderful International Congress of Nurses, Paris-Brussels; all of whom expressed their determination, if alive, to be with us in London in 1937.

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1932-33.

In presenting the Seventh Annual Report of the Council to the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses, the Council is glad to congratulate its Fellows and Members on its continued success, and on the important development and progress which it has made during the last year.

During the year, the Council has met eleven times, and transacted a large amount of business, while Standing and Sub-Committees have given frequent and considered attention to the various activities of the College.

The high ethical standard maintained by the College should attract the progressive element of the Nursing Profession at home and abroad.

It is deeply regretted that we have lost, by death, six Fellows and three Members during the year.

This year the Council will lose the very valuable services of Miss Elizabeth Brodie and Miss Norah Farrant, Fellows. These ladies have served for three years, and are Councillors for whose work their colleagues on the Council desire, in the name of the College, to express their sincere thanks and appreciation.

Only two Nomination Papers for Election of Fellows to the Council have been received; for Miss Mary Gladys Allbutt, cert. Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Matron, Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith; and Miss Jane Carrick Cowie, cert. Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, Matron, Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley.

As no other Nominations for Election to the Council have been received, there was no Election, and the Council confirmed the Nominations of Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss J. C. Cowie. The President expressed the pleasure of the Council in obtaining the valuable services of Miss M. G. Allbutt, who would represent the interests of Municipal Nurses; and the confirmation of the Nomination of Miss J. C. Cowie, was also most warmly welcomed as representing Scottish Nurses on the Council.

As there was no application for Nomination for Election of a Member to the Council, there was no Election, and the Council unanimously appointed Miss Henrietta G. Ballard, S.R.N., D.N., M.B.C.N., as a member of the Council to represent the Members for a term of three years from July next, and expressed gratitude for her past services, and pleasure that she would continue to serve the College.

The following members of the Council were elected Chairmen of the Standing Committees for July, 1932-1933:—

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL PROTECTION.—Miss M. Breay.

SOCIAL SCHEMES.—Miss G. Le Geyt.

FINANCE.—Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—Miss D. K. Graham.

HISTORY OF NURSING.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

A vacancy for a Fellow on the Council having arisen owing to the election of Miss A. M. Bushby as a Vice-President, Miss Isabel Macdonald was unanimously appointed to serve for three years.

Many Fellows and Members, at home and overseas, have

expressed their pleasure in receiving the College Diploma and their appreciation of the beauty of the design.

The College Badge has 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 forty 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) their legal protection; (4) social activities; (5) benevolent help; (6) the collection of historical data connected with the Nursing Profession.

The organisation of Courses (four in the Autumn and three in the Spring) of Administration Classes conducted by the Secretary, when twelve Fellows and Members, by kind permission of the authorities, visited General and Special Hospitals and Institutions, have proved a most popular branch of educational work.

This year a class of some twelve Fellows and Members of the College visited the following Hospitals, where they were most courteously received and conducted on a tour of inspection of the Matron's Departments:—

Charing Cross Hospital New Nurses' Home, Haverstock Hill, N.W.

Papworth Tuberculosis Colony, Papworth Hall, Cambridge.

Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard, Beckenham. Preliminary Training School and Departments, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

Queen Charlotte's Auxiliary Hospital, Ravenscourt Square, W.

Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital and College, Alton, Hants.

A full account of each visit was published in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

Under the auspices of the College Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., delivered lantern lectures on "The History of Nursing" at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on February 10th, and at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, on February 13th, 1933. On each occasion there was a large attendance, and at their conclusion warm hospitality was extended to Miss Macdonald. At the former, a collection made amounted to £4 15s. 6d. for the Nightingale Scholarships, through the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

During the year Coaching Classes have been given by Miss D. K. Graham at the College to nurses requiring additional instruction before entering for the Examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, or who had already entered and failed and wished to sit again. Miss Graham is a successful teacher, and the results have been very satisfactory to the pupils.

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 two Members to take the Examination of the Central Midwives Board. Two Grants of £10 each to two Members to take a Course of Training in Housekeeping. Two Grants of £10 each to two Fellows to help with expenses when attending the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Paris

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