

and Brussels. A Grant of £10 16s. was given to defray the combined travelling expenses of the Fellows and Members who attended the Classes on Hospital Administration.

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

The section for other than scientific works has also attracted much interest; books on travel, biography, etc., (Cutler) being available.

A Dance was given at the Royal British Nurses' Association for Fellows and Members of the College, when Miss B. Cutler, Miss I. Macdonald and Miss D. K. Graham were the hostesses, on February 18th, 1933.

This year the theme introduced at the Fourth Annual Dinner was "History," when upwards of two hundred of College members and their friends met on May 4th, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane. Some twenty eminent historians and distinguished personages accepted the invitation of the President and Council to dine as Guests of the College.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair. The procession of eight Historic Royal Nurses, represented by eight ladies dressed in period costume dating from the 3rd to the 14th century, was an imposing spectacle, and an Oration was delivered by Miss Isabel Macdonald on their beneficent and saintly lives. A charming Selection of Music was performed, and Dr. George McKinnon (the amateur champion piper for Scotland) gave a beautiful piping of Scottish music (a march, strathspey and reel) which brought to a conclusion the most imposing Annual Dinner ever held by the British College of Nurses.

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain were held in the Council Room of the College on October 19th, 1932, and April 26th, 1933. And on November 23rd, 1932, the Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Lecture Hall of the College. And on February 28th a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Council Chamber.

Meetings of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, Florence Nightingale Scholarship Sub-Committee, were held in the Council Chamber on November 8th, 1932, and on February 21st, 1933.

The opening of the Winter Session of the College was held at 39, Portland Place, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1932, when the Reception and Tea was attended by upwards of a hundred members and their guests. A lecture was delivered by Miss Isabel Macdonald on "Royal Nurses, Queen Margaret, the Pearl of Scotland." The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and supported by nine Councillors in their Robes of Office, made everyone welcome. Amongst others, there were present Miss Dorsey with fifteen International students, and Captain Troubridge, who represented Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for Marylebone.

The Council decided to send Christmas cards again this year with a letter of greeting to Fellows and Members in the Dominions and abroad. The cards included the beautiful King's Card, entitled: "Sir Francis Drake explains his plans to Queen Elizabeth," and the Prince of Wales's Card of "Old London Bridge."

Letters of warm thanks have been received from Fellows and Members in many parts of the world, expressing their appreciation of these greetings from the Old Country.

A valuable collection of data connected with the Nursing Profession has been collected by the History of Nursing Committee, under the able and energetic Chairmanship of Miss A. M. Bushby, whose efforts have been unceasing

to form a collection of original and autographed letters of Miss Florence Nightingale, including the "Cat" and the "Bird" letters; original sketches of scenes in the Crimean War, and many valuable gifts including books now out of print, prints, mezzotints and porcelain and other historical treasures, notable among them being: by the gracious permission of the Duke of Westminster—the door of Miss Nightingale's bedroom; also fittings of shutters, doors, etc., the beautiful iron grate from the hall of 11, South Street, Miss Nightingale's home; and 50 bricks of the house; also several beautiful water-colours and portraits.

This year many treasures have been added to our collection of Royal Mementoes. Statuettes of Royal personages, prints, coins, porcelain, lustre, books are among some of the notable items that have been acquired; the collection thus embracing a wider field of political and historic interest.

The Tutorial Group has taken a very active interest in the teaching of nurses, and most excellent papers have been read and printed in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*. Meetings of the Group have been held monthly during the Autumn and Winter at the College under the very able Chairmanship of Miss D. K. Graham and its energetic Secretary, Miss H. G. Ballard. This year the introduction of discussions on practical demonstrations of nursing appliances proved most popular.

The provision made for the legal protection of Fellows and Members under certain conditions is proving very valuable, and when it is made clear that a Fellow or Member has the support of a powerful and financially influential body, further steps for her legal protection have proved to be usually unnecessary.

Letters have been received by the Council expressing the deep appreciation of those helped by legal advice.

Benevolent grants have been made in several instances to Fellows and Members in need and the usefulness of this Section of the Council's activities has been clearly demonstrated.

The Council during the year considered very carefully the action of the London County Council in proposing to extend its nurses' training from three to four years without consultation with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; and also expressed its strong disapproval of the conduct of the London County Council in approving as eligible, unregistered nurses for appointments as Departmental Sisters, and other matters, and gave detailed reasons for objecting to these. The Council also gave close attention to the suggestions made by *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, and to the proposed Bill to amend the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. Full reports on these matters were printed in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

The Council of the College has taken an active interest in the Scheme for the Florence Nightingale Memorial Scholarships. The sum of £114 was quickly subscribed by our Fellows and Members.

Notices of Fellows and Members who have died during the past year, and other matters of interest to the College will be found in the full Annual Report of the Council, of which this is only an abstract.

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,  
President.

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#### ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

Arrangements are being made by the Council of the British College of Nurses for Administration Classes, limited to twelve Fellows and Members to be held this autumn by the kind permission of the Authorities concerned.

The first Class will visit Head Quarter Sections of Imperial Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutions in October (date not yet fixed).

Those Fellows and Members who wish to attend these Classes should communicate at once with the Secretary.

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