

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR 1933-34.

The following letter has been received by the President from Professor M. Adelaide Nutting, M.A., acknowledging the Resolution of congratulation sent to her from the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on July 10th, on her appointment as an Hon. President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

## Letter from Miss M. A. Nutting.

DEAR MISS BRYSON,—Your letter of July 10th has been sent on to me here from New York, and in acknowledging it may I beg you to offer my sincere thanks to the British College of Nurses for its very kind message concerning my election as an Honorary President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation?

I find it difficult to express in any fitting way my pleasure in finding myself thus brought into a relationship with friends and co-workers of many years, in a work which we all have so much at heart, and also my full appreciation of the privilege of being associated in this high honorary capacity with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. For it is primarily to her impetus that this important memorial owes its origin as an idea, and largely to her unquenchable spirit and unflagging energy and devotion that the idea has now become reality.

She alone, approximately fills this distinguished office in the new Foundation. But since the generous proposal of sharing it with me, comes, I have learned, from her I can only say that I am happy in this (to use her own phrase) "honorable recognition" of my deep interest in this Memorial to Florence Nightingale, and of my desire to give it the best possible aid and support within my power.

With renewed thanks to the College and to yourself,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

M. ADELAIDE NUTTING.

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Ogunquit, Maine.

As there was no meeting of the Council of The British College of Nurses in August we print Miss Nutting's letter in this issue, believing that all Fellows and Members of the College, as well as trained nurses throughout the world interested in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, will share our pleasure and satisfaction that Miss Nutting has accepted the position of Hon. President to which her association with, and steady support, for the last twenty-two years, of the proposition for an educational memorial to Miss Nightingale promoted by the Nurses of the world have entitled her.

The active support of so distinguished an educationist as Professor Nutting, held in high honour both in the Nursing and Educational Worlds, must be of great value to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. High testimony to her eminence in these regards was offered by the President of Yale University when its Degree was conferred upon her, when he said, "Her devotion, courage, faith, skill and magnificent perseverance have made her to-day one of the most useful women in the world."

We have pleasure in publishing below an abstract of the Eighth Annual Report of the Council of the British College of Nurses presented to the Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on July 10th.

In presenting the Eighth 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 past year.

The high ethical standard maintained by the College, it is hoped, will more and more attract the progressive element of the Nursing Profession at home and abroad.

It is deeply regretted that we have lost, by death, five Fellows during the past year, viz.: Miss Isabella Murray, F.B.C.N., Miss May Turner, F.B.C.N., Miss Annie May Playdon, F.B.C.N., Miss Helen Lucy Pearse, F.B.C.N., and Miss Annie Steel, F.B.C.N. Full Obituary Notices of these well-known ladies have been published in our Official Journal.

This year the Council will lose the very valuable services of Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss D. K. Graham, Fellows, and Miss E. J. Haswell, Member. 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.

This year Nomination Papers of two Fellows and one Member only for election to the Council have been received—from Miss F. M. Campbell, Fellow, Matron, South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross; Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellow, Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone; and Miss E. F. Eburah, Member, late Private Nurse. As no other nominations for Election to the Council were received, there was no Election, and the Council confirmed the nominations of Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Fellows, and Miss E. F. Eburah, Member.

The President expressed the pleasure of the Council on obtaining the valuable services of Miss F. M. Campbell, who would represent the interests of Fever Nurses, and those of Miss E. L. Macaulay, who would represent Mental Nurses, and of Miss Eburah as representing Private Nurses on the Council.

A vacancy for a Fellow on the Council having arisen owing to the appointment in July, 1932, of Miss A. M. Bushby as Vice-President, Miss I. Macdonald, who was appointed to replace Miss Bushby during her two years term of office as Vice-President, retires from the Council.

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 10/-, which includes the engraving of the name and College number, and postage.

Warm appreciation has been expressed by many members of the College of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of which for the last forty-one years Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has acted as Hon. Editor, in collaboration with Miss Margaret Breay. This indicates that its readers realise the vital importance of a free professional voice in the press.

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.

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