

Arrangements were made for a class of twelve Fellows and Members of the College to attend five Lectures delivered by Mr. Allen Walker on "Five Historic Houses," the Council being of opinion that for the Autumn Course nothing could be more educative than to learn something of these stately homes of England, now being so rapidly demolished.

In the course, the class visited:—

On October 11th, Knole House, Sevenoaks, Kent, when the class were conveyed from London by coach to Sevenoaks. On October 25th, the House of the Duke of Norfolk, 31, St. James's Square, S.W. On November 8th, Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, and Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park. On November 22nd, Richmond Palace, Richmond Green, Surrey. On December 6th, Lord Leighton's House, Holland Park Road, Kensington Road, W.

In a popular branch of educational work the Council, by the kind consent of the authorities concerned, arranged for an Administration Class of twelve Fellows and Members of the College, conducted by the Secretary, to visit the Headquarter Departments of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, White Hart Street, Kennington, London, and the Marie Curie Hospital and X-Ray Department, 2, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.3.

On these occasions the Class was most kindly received and addressed by the Superintendent and Matron respectively on the various departments. The kindest hospitality was extended to the class, and a full account of each visit was published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Educational Grants have been made by the College, and have been greatly appreciated by those to whom they have been awarded:

One Grant of £35 to enable a Member to take the Examination of the Central Midwives Board. A Grant of £7 19s. 10d. to enable twelve Fellows and Members to attend a Course of Lectures on Five Historic Houses, One Grant of £2 2s. 0d. to enable a Member to take a Course of Lectures and Examination at the Tropical Diseases Hospital. A Grant was given to defray the combined travelling expenses of the Fellows and Members who attended the Classes on Hospital Administration. A Grant of £15 15s. 0d. was given to help with the expenses of a member of the Council who attended the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association in June.

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

A Dance was given at the Royal British Nurses' Association for Fellows and Members of the College, when Miss B. Cutler, Miss D. K. Graham and Miss I. Macdonald were the hostesses, on January 20th, 1934. An "At Home" was held at the College, when Miss M. G. Allbutt, Fellow of the

Council, extended hospitality and welcomed some 75 Fellows, Members and guests at a Reception held on Wednesday, May 23rd, included among the guests being a party of International Students from 15, Manchester Square. After Tea the guests inspected with great interest the Royal Mementoes displayed in the Board Room.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held in the Council Room of the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, on October 18th, 1933, and April 24th, 1934. Prior to the Meetings, Tea was served in the Secretary's Office.

On November 22nd, 1933, 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. Prior to the Meeting members were entertained to Tea by the President.

The Opening of the Winter Session of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, on Saturday, October 21st, 1933, when the Reception, at which Tea was served, was attended by upwards of 60 Fellows and Members and the presence of the Florence Nightingale International Students of the 1933-1934 Course at Bedford College, from 15, Manchester Square, made the gathering especially notable. The President was in the Chair, and read to a most interested audience the inspiring Paper on "Principles and Ideals in Education—their Application to Nursing Education," presented in Brussels to the International Congress by Sister Pierre, Directrice of the Nursing School of the University of Louvain, and acclaimed as the finest Paper of the Congress.

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 King's beautiful Card, entitled "Henry VII's Chapel, Westminster Abbey," and "Sir Walter Raleigh unfolds his plans," the Card of the Prince of Wales.

Letters of warm thanks have been received from Fellows and Members in many parts, expressing appreciation of these greetings sent from the old country.

The valuable collection of data connected with the Nursing Profession, collected by the History of Nursing Section, has received many notable additions during the year, under the able Chairmanship of Miss A. M. Bushby, whose efforts have been unceasing to enrich the already interesting collection, and autographed letters of Miss Florence Nightingale, including a letter written by her to Mr. J. Whitfield, Secretary, St. Thomas's Hospital, original sketches of scenes in the Crimean War, and many valuable gifts, including books now out of print, prints, mezzotints, porcelain and other historical treasures. Very interesting additions are a fine terra-cotta figure of Florence Nightingale seated on a bench with a lamp, Bisque figure of Joan



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