

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Somewhat abridged we print below the Ninth Annual Report of the Council of the British College of Nurses, presented by the President to the Annual Meeting, held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on July 6th.

### NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, FOR 1934-35.

In presenting the Ninth 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 should attract the progressive element of the Nursing Profession at home and abroad.

It is deeply regretted that we have lost, by death, the following five Fellows and three Members during the past year: Miss Annie Teresa Smyth, M.B.C.N.; Miss Cecilia Liddiatt, F.B.C.N.; Miss Rosa Ellen Wallace, R.R.C., F.B.C.N.; Miss Florence Marion Bartleet, A.R.R.C., F.B.C.N.; Miss Nellie Gertrude Beeham, F.B.C.N.; Miss Alice Edith Thacker, F.B.C.N.; Miss Edith Maie Lovatt, M.B.C.N.; and Miss Emily Dinnie, M.B.C.N.

This year, the Council will lose the very valuable services of Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., 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.

As only two nominations for election to the Council were received, there was no Election, and the Council confirmed the nominations of Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss S. H. Vian.

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 also been much appreciated. It can be obtained from the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W. The cost is 10s. 6d., 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-two years Mrs.

Bedford Fenwick has acted as Hon. Editor in collaboration with Miss Margaret Brey.

This is very satisfactory because it proves 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 promoting 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 Council, by the kind consent of the authorities concerned, arranged for an Administration Class of some twelve Fellows and Members of the College, conducted by the Secretary, to visit the Port of London, the Hospital Department of the s.s. "Carinthia," and the Chalfont Colony of the National Society for Epileptics. In the absence of the Secretary, Miss I. M. Hutton, B.A., M.B.C.N., submitted the Report of the visit to the Chalfont Colony. On these occasions the Class was most kindly received and addressed by the heads of the departments, and the Matron, respectively, on the various sections. 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. Grants of £35 to enable Members to take the Examination of the Central Midwives Board; of £10 to help

towards expenses of Sister Tutor's Course of training and examination; and to defray the combined travelling expenses of Fellows and Members who attended the Classes on Hospital Administration.

A large number of technical books have been added to the Lending Library, which have been much appreciated, and have been 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 of travel, biography, etc., being available, especially works on the life of Florence Nightingale.

The Opening of the Winter Session of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., when Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N.,



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Matron, Royal United Hospital, Bath.  
New Member of Council British College of Nurses.

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