

that their duties in various hospitals were being made difficult of performance and their professional status depreciated.

Naturally the members of the Council were in sympathy with their colleagues, and realised the serious results to the well-being of the nursing staff in institutions where their senior officers were deprived of rightful authority and in some cases men of inferior education and status advanced to positions of authority for which they were not qualified.

Letter from Miss E. L. Macaulay, sending copy of Prospectus of Training at the Kent County Mental Hospital, which has been compiled, with a copy of the regulations *re* General Trained Nurses, in case of enquiries on the subject, and that she had just received a request for information from the Director of Education of Kent. The Prospectus, which was handed round, was pronounced to be progressive and of great value.

The President, thanking Miss Macaulay on behalf of the Council, complimented her on this progressive Prospectus of Training and asked that more might be supplied for members of the College, as she felt sure the Councillors and others would wish to study it. Miss Macaulay, in thanking the President, stated she would with pleasure send further copies.

A letter asking for the definition of an Agency for Private Nurses and of a Nurses' Co-operation—and as to responsibility for insurance. The writer was informed that a licence from the County Council was required unless a salary was paid to members of the staff. A co-operation was constituted by mutual financial responsibility, which few nurses cared to assume, thus the majority of organisations of Private Nurses were conducted as Agencies.

Letter from Miss M. K. Yeates, stating that Australian nurses were making wonderful progress. She had attended a Trained Nurses' Conference in Melbourne, when the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and the International Council of Nurses were discussed, and that changes in their National Constitution must be adopted if it was to be included in the International Federation of Nurses. She was always delighted to receive the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* and sent many thanks for it.

Letter from Miss Sallie Round, F.B.C.N., All Saints Dispensary, Panvel, Bombay Presidency, that she hopes to pay a visit to the College this year when she is on furlough, and sending a copy of Annual Report and an account of the Tenth Annual Mothers' and Babies' Party.

Letters from nurses in need—it was agreed to recommend a grant to one seriously ill, and unable to work.

#### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were approved and all were elected.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement; £93 9s. in Annual Subscriptions had been received since the last meeting of the Council.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, presenting Decorations and Medals awarded to the late Miss F. M. Bartleet, A.R.R.C., made a report of her interesting career and valuable national and international work.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for presenting to the College these honours which had been bestowed upon the late Miss F. M. Bartleet, and which, placed in the History Section of the College, would remain treasured in remembrance of her.

#### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY, MAY 12th. SCHOLARSHIPS COLLECTION.

The President reported that steps were being taken to acquire a suitable money box for the College, inscribed "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, May 12th," in which gifts might be collected throughout the year in support of the Annual Scholarship of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to be opened on her Birthday, May 12th, the Scholarship to be donated to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, through the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain and awarded to a member of subscribing organisations. Thus any nurse might at any time place in the box a small gift according to her means and inclination. As the Birthday fell on a Sunday this year the Box would be opened with some little ceremony on Monday, May 13th.

The President hoped this plan might perhaps be adopted by constituent Associations and Leagues in the National Council, thus those who wished to do so could subscribe without pressure. She reminded the Council that a Scholarship of £250

was in hand for this year but it was well to be a year ahead as Scholars had to make their arrangements as the Courses at Bedford College opened annually in August.

#### THE REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES' NURSING SERVICE. JOINT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND SALARIES.

The President drew the attention of the Council to a Report published in the *Public Assistance Journal & Health and Hospital Review* on February 1st, and pointed out that no Registered Nurse had a seat on either Committee; and that the recommendations in this Report were more or less a repetition of the *Lancet* Commission. In reply to a request for a copy of the Report the Secretary had been informed by the Association of Municipal Corporations that the Report had not yet been agreed by the County Councils Association, who might make amendments to



A peep at Lea Hurst, the Derbyshire home of Miss Nightingale.  
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