

LIST OF GIFTS.

- Miss M. Breay.—£1 for flowers.
 Miss S. A. Villiers.—10s. for flowers.
 Miss B. Treasure.—Flowers.
 Miss J. Edgar.—Primroses.
 Miss M. A. D. Mitchell.—Very fine hand-made damask tablecloth.
 Miss E. Mosey.—Illustrated booklet on Hong Kong.

THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

It was agreed that the meeting of the Education Committee be held on Tuesday, May 9th, at 3.30 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, May 20th at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The President reminded the Council that no opportunity must be lost of informing those in power of the truth concerning the proposed breach of contract with Registered Nurses as recommended in the Interim Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and a course of action was agreed upon.

The meeting then terminated.

THE OBLIGATION.

At the close of the meeting two members took the Obligation, signed the Roll and afterwards took tea with the Council in the beautiful Reception Room, where the Royal Mementoes are displayed and arouse great interest, Queen Victoria being most intimately represented. Here are Rockingham figures of the Duchess of Kent—with the baby Princess Victoria on her knee in long clothes, marked with a gold crown, and again in short clothes, a lively sprite. Queen Victoria on her throne and in Parliament reading her first Speech. Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort. Queen Victoria arm in arm with Napoleon III and the Sultan of Turkey, during the Crimean War. Poor Queen Caroline, feathers flying, and Princess Charlotte; William IV on the way to his Coronation. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, King George V and Queen Mary; King Edward VIII; King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and Crimean mementoes of Miss Florence Nightingale and wounded soldiers, of the wounded on the field of battle and their weeping widows and children. Omar Pasha, Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Army, his attendant warming his hookah. A gallery indeed of valuable historic items difficult to procure in these days, which the President has had great joy in collecting and presenting to the British College of Nurses.

FIXTURES.

May 11th.—The Administration Class will visit the Guildhall, E.C.

May 20th.—Monthly meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

NURSE'S CLAIM FAILS.

A former nurse at Bethnal Green L.C.C. Hospital, Miss Margaret Savage, aged 26, of Broadway Mansions, Mill Hill, at Shoreditch County Court lost a claim brought under the Workmen's Compensation Act, against the L.C.C.

Miss Savage, a State registered nurse, alleged that as a result of a patient coughing in her face on December 26th, 1937, she contracted tuberculosis.

Judge Lilley, giving judgment, said that tuberculosis was not one of the diseases scheduled under the Act.

THE VISIT OF THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES TO PRINCESS MARY'S ROYAL AIR FORCE HOSPITAL, HALTON CAMP, BUCKS.

In these distressing times when wars and rumours of wars threaten our very existence, it is of paramount importance that skilled Nursing shall be available in many fields, to take its due place in helping to alleviate what may be the inevitable suffering so grievous. To this end there is perhaps no more inspiring branch of work for the highly qualified Registered Nurse than that to be found in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. This fact impressed the members of the Administration Class of the British College of Nurses when it was their privilege to visit Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Hospital at Halton Camp, Bucks, on Tuesday, April 25th.

On arrival at Wendover Station the Class was swiftly conveyed by car to the Royal Air Force Hospital, and the members were much interested by the way to see the quaint village and the beauty of the surrounding hills.

On reaching the main entrance of the Hospital, the Matron, Miss G. E. Clubb, extended a most cordial welcome to all the members and at once conducted them on a tour of the Hospital, first to her office, where official literature was explained, staff record cards, which give full details of the work, health and leave of each member of the Nursing Staff (who are medically examined yearly). Here it was learned that there are between three and four hundred beds in the Hospital; the constitution of the Nursing Department is Matron, Senior Sisters, Sisters and Staff Nurses. The Matron explained that the Hospital accommodation is increasing, and the Matron-in-Chief takes infinite care to select nurses of a high standard.

Qualifications.—To be eligible for appointment to the Service applicants must:—

(1) Be under 35 years of age, single or widows without children.

(2) They must be State Registered Nurses.

(3) British subjects and the daughters of British subjects.

The following considerations carry weight in the selection of candidates for appointment:—

(a) Training in a hospital of first rank having a first-class school for nurses attached.

(b) Subsequent experience on the staff of a recognised hospital.

(c) Favourable reports by the matron under whom a candidate has worked.

(d) Additional certificates, Maternity, Fever, Massage and Medical Electricity, and Tropical Diseases.

New entrants are appointed on a six months' probation in the rank of Staff Nurse, and on satisfactory completion of this probationary period, appointment is confirmed and seniority counts from the date of original entry.

A term of service abroad, not exceeding five years, is one of the conditions of service.

Promotion from Staff Nurse to Sister is made after one year's efficient service, subject to the Staff Nurse being fully qualified to hold higher rank.

The Rates of Pay, exclusive of allowance for uniform, board and washing, are: Staff Nurse, £80 a year; Sisters, £85 a year, rising by annual increments of £5 to £125; Senior Sisters, £130 a year, rising by annual increments of £5 to £140; Matron, £160 a year, rising by annual increments of £12 10s. to £250.

Leave of absence, granted with full pay, in any one year to Senior Sisters and Sisters is six weeks, to Staff Nurses five weeks.

Recreation Leave granted to Sisters three to four hours daily, one half-day a week, two whole days a month.

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