

imperative that any name adopted for the assistant nurse on the Roll should be indicative of her function and should not be such as to lower in any way the status of the assistant nurse who has rendered and is rendering a valuable service to the community.

After very careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that we should recommend that the term "Assistant Nurse" should be retained, and that it should be given legal recognition and protection.

We recognise that in the public mind some confusion may be caused between the Assistant Nurse and the State Registered Nurse if both are in practice known as "nurse." We hope that the recommendation we have made with regard to the declaration of the nurse's qualifications will go some way to obviate this. The problem of easy differentiation between the two grades assumes real importance only in domiciliary nursing, and we would suggest that a development of the practice, which already exists to some extent in private nursing, of knowing all State Registered Nurses as "Sisters" would prove of value in making clear to private patients the difference between a State Registered and an Assistant Nurse. General use of the term "Sister" as a title by State Registered Nurses who practise privately would soon establish the distinction.

THE TITLE OF "SISTER."

We beg to remind the Statutory Committee that the title of "Sister" has no legal significance, in that it is not restricted to nurses. In so far as they are concerned it is merely a courtesy title, and we hope they will cling tenaciously to their legal title of "Registered Nurse," theirs by right and not by courtesy. To institute, after half a century of progressive organisation of nursing education, an inferior grade of nurse with obsolete qualifications and no test of knowledge, and to confer legal status, economic security and pensions upon her, as proposed by the Select Committee, could only have been recommended by unprofessional persons totally ignorant of nursing history, and of the rights and privileges of Registered Nurses under existing Law.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Agenda is being issued for a meeting of the Council to be held at new Headquarters, 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7., on Saturday, February 18th, at 2.30 p.m. when it is hoped (a flattering tale sometimes) that the necessary decorations and fitments will be finished, and that our President will be able to preside after her serious accident. Members of the Council have been advised to procure and study the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee, so that after due consideration they may take such action for the protection of members as may appear advisable. I feel some members of the College will have realised that the removal to our new Headquarters has been no easy task. As custodians of the historic archives of so much nursing history, the tabulation of valuable papers has taken much care and time.

Many friends have already paid us a visit, and early in March it is hoped to hold a Reception of Fellows and Members for the inspection of the College.

Alice Stewart Bryson,
Secretary.

THE NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

It will be remembered that by request of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, a provisional Committee of representatives of the Council and of the British Red Cross Society was formed in 1932 and took the initiative in organising the International Florence Nightingale Foundation upon a basis of National organisation by participating countries. It is well therefore to take note of the practical financial support given to the Foundation by our National Committee, and we feel sure the receipts and payments account from October 1st, 1932, to December 31st, 1938, will be of great interest to members of our National Council.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF THE NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMITTEE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

RECEIPTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Fund—						
Donations				£1,320	3	4
Scholarship Fund—						
Donations, etc.	5,325	7	3			
Interest from Investments	24	12	9			
				5,350	0	0
Endowment Fund—						
Donations	758	19	0			
Grant from General Fund	615	0	0			
Proceeds from International Red Cross Bazaar as per the Guarantee of the B.R.C.S.	1,000	0	0			
				2,373	19	0
				£9,044	2	4
PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Fund—						
Printing, Stationery, Postages, Salaries, etc.	176	13	6			
Grant to Endowment Fund... ..	615	0	0			
				791	13	6
Scholarship Fund—						
Grant to International Foundation				5,350	0	0
Endowment Fund—						
Transfers to International Foundation				2,373	19	0
				8,515	12	6
Balance in Hand—						
General Fund—Cash at Bank	524	2	10			
Cash in hand	4	7	0			
				528	9	10
				£9,044	2	4

We are of opinion that this Financial Report is eminently satisfactory, especially when we realise that Nurses' organisations grouped in the National Council of Nurses have subscribed for nine Scholarships in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation amounting to £2,250, and in addition subscribed £50 to the General Fund during the period for which the accounts are presented.

The National Memorial Committee is to be congratulated upon its economical conduct of business.

Sir Arthur Stanley is the Chairman of the Committee, and as will be seen by the Balance Sheet no charge is made for office expenses, as all this good work is done at the office of the British Red Cross Society.

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