

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Miss Elizabeth Brodie, R.G.N., R.M.N., who was elected a member of Council at its last meeting, is a leading member of the nursing profession in Scotland. As Matron of the Royal Mental Hospital at Glasgow, she holds a very responsible charge where the standard of training for mental nursing is of the highest. This very beautiful hospital, surrounded by spacious grounds, is a model residence for those patients needing an inspiring environment. Miss Brodie, of course, stands for the most thorough standards of training for mental nurses, that goes without saying.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE REGISTERED NURSE.

A meeting of the Committee for the Protection of the Legal Status of the Registered Nurse will be held at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.1, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

Members express the opinion that public meetings should be held to instruct Registered Nurses on the danger of degrading the standards of education at present enforced by the General Nursing Council, and that it would be well to require the G.N.C. to issue an authoritative statement on the matter.

From outside sources we are informed that if the G.N.C. breaks faith with Registered Nurses, a number of Student Nurses now in training would resign and others intending to train will choose another career. No one can blame them in either case.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

It is a hopeful sign of unity of purpose that so many kind letters and cards have been received at our Headquarters, 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, and that appreciation of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is so warmly expressed. This is indeed compensation for innumerable trials in its production—and we hand on the expressions of gratitude to our indefatigable printers and their depleted staff—and to the Firm which so far has kept up the quality of our paper—in spite of almost insurmountable difficulties. Let us hope these mercies will continue.

PUBLIC MONEY WELL SPENT.

We warmly congratulate Miss Alice M. Brownlow, F.B.C.N. We learn that, availing herself of free time, and making good use of the cash paid to her by the Ministry

of Health in lieu of service, of which she was compulsorily and most unjustly deprived, she has studied for and passed the London University's Examination, taking for her subject "Hospital Administration," and now possesses this valuable Diploma. Let us hope that justice may yet be conceded to this lady of spirit, who refuses to accept condemnation without fair investigation.

We also offer warm congratulations to Miss D. de M. Warren, M.B.C.N., who has recently secured the Diploma of Hospital Administration, in addition to her Diploma in Nursing at the London University. Miss Warren, who has recently resigned her position as Assistant Matron and

Sister Tutor at the Putney Hospital, received a beautiful wireless set as a token of the esteem of the Hospital Board, and an illuminated address presented by the student nurses, and a silver initialled cigarette box from the nursing staff, with whom Miss Warren was exceedingly popular.

GIFTS FROM OVERSEAS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND U.S.A.

It seems impossible to realise that in this land of plenty as it used to be, it is now almost impossible to buy sweets, fruits and, indeed, to enjoy a generous supply of tea, milk, sugar, to say nothing of really new laid eggs. The luxury of coffee is still ours. Thus, parcels sent to the British College of Nurses, from Miss Jane Bell, Sydney; Miss G. M. Fairley, Vancouver; the Edith Cavell Nurses' Association through Mrs. George Wilson, of London, Ontario; Miss Mary M. Roberts, Editor of *The American Journal of Nursing*, New York; and from Miss May Ashton, Mount Lawley, Western Australia, were received with joy. The first contained cheese, barley sugar, dessert raisins, and

other tasty tit-bits; from Miss Fairley, butter, tea and sugar; the third, tea and sugar, cheese and chocolate; included in Miss Roberts's bounty was butter, cheese, tinned tongue and sugar; and from Western Australia, a lovely pound-cake, tinned cheese, tea and sugar, so that callers for the time being need not be sent empty away.

It is to be hoped that our cupboard will not be raided by the Minister for Food. Our very sincere gratitude has been expressed to the five colleagues overseas, who realise that it is not only the gifts, but the kindness which despatched them that makes them doubly welcome.



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