

The Dr. Bedford Fenwick Memorial.

Under this Memorial Scheme the Council has decided to make arrangements for a scholar to attend the next International Council Congress.

Benevolent Grants.

A sum of £417 has been distributed in grants to members of the College from the Ethel Mary Fletcher Benevolent Fund. These grants have been made to old members whose incomes have seriously depreciated owing to the increased high cost of living, and ill-health. Thirteen members are now receiving a grant of 10s. weekly from the fund.

"The British Journal of Nursing."

The *British Journal of Nursing* has kept the College in touch with Fellows and Members at home and abroad.

Since the passing of its Founder and first Editor, Ethel Gordon Fenwick, an Editorial Board has been formed on which the following ladies have been appointed to serve: Miss H. McLoughlin, President of the College (*ex officio*), Miss M. B. MacKellar, Miss L. Clark, Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.), and Miss A. S. Bryson, Chairman.

We wish to place on record our grateful thanks to the Secretary, Miss M. R. Angel, who has so efficiently guided the publication of the *Journal* over a most difficult period, and we are pleased to report that the *Journal* has been welcomed with increased appreciation.

The Lending Library.

All books for which members have asked to be added to the library have been procured, and by request are available through the post or otherwise.

History of Nursing Section.

The Council hopes at an early date to continue its activities in this interesting section of the College.

International Council of Nurses.

At the close of the Great International Congress of Nurses, held in Atlantic City in May, 1947, it was agreed to transfer back to England the offices of the International Council of Nurses. New Headquarters were then required in this country, and on being approached the Council of this College was very glad to make arrangements for the International Council of Nurses to have the required accommodation at 19, Queen's Gate. That the International Council of Nurses should find its home under the roof of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., also founded by Ethel Gordon Fenwick, we feel is a happy omen.

The College Policy.

The Council must bring the sound economic policy of the College to the notice of Registered Nurses and inspire them to join it so that they may defend their professional status in the interests of the sick public.

Gifts.

Our Canadian, Australian and American colleagues have shown warm sympathy in most generously sending gifts.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of:—

Fellows

Mrs. E. Brown Miss C. M. Hannen
Miss E. F. Brownsdon Miss E. Martin, R.R.C.

Members

Miss C. Watney Miss E. St. C. Davies
Miss I. B. Skinner

In the passing of Miss E. F. Brownsdon, a Fellow of the College since its inception, we have lost a keen supporter for the emancipation of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Brownsdon incidentally gave most efficient help in the Library of the College.

The Register of Nurses.

The meeting was unanimously opposed to the proposal of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to the withdrawal of the printed publication of the Register of Nurses.

Appointment of Auditors.

It was unanimously agreed that Messrs. Reeves, Gothard and Farries be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

Warm Welcome Accorded to New Members of Council.

The new members of Council appointed were: Miss Frances R. Roberts, S.R.N., Miss Dorothy de M. Warren, S.R.N., D.N. (London), Fellows, and Miss Mabel Gerard, S.R.N., Member.

Vote of Thanks.

The Chairman expressed her desire to propose a vote of thanks to the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, and to the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, in appreciation of the satisfactory progress of the College during the past year; this was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that a vote of thanks be sent to Miss M. B. MacKellar, Vice-President, for her generous support of the College.

Appreciation was expressed of the loyal and efficient work given by Miss B. A. Bowering, and by Miss M. R. Angel, as Editorial Secretary of the official organ of the College.

The meeting then terminated.

Coming Events.

MARCH 18th, 1949.—Council Meeting, 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m.

This will be followed by a lecture on "Sculpture in the Making," to be delivered by Mr. Harold Brown at 5 p.m.

Mr. Brown's previous lecture proved so intensely interesting to our Fellows and Members that he has kindly consented to give this one, "Sculpture in the Making," and a further lecture, entitled "Children's Art," on May 6th.

The Passing Bell.

We report with deep sorrow the passing of Sister Faith Daniels, very suddenly on January 26th. She was a revered fellow of this College for many years; meeting her left one with an unfading memory of a lovable, generous personality whose life was spent in devotion to others.

The Mother Superior of the community in which Sister Faith served writes:—

Sister Faith was an S.R.N. trained at King's College Hospital, London, 1920-23, and after nursing at Hampstead General Hospital and at the Victoria Hospital, Tite Street, Chelsea, was in charge of a surgical ward at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, 1925-29.

In 1929 Sister Faith came to test her vocation in the Community of the Holy Family, Baldslow, St. Leonards, an Educational Community of the Church of England and was professed in 1934.

During the war when the Community's boarding school was evacuated to Gloucestershire, Sister Faith remained at the Mother House and was in charge of the Baldslow First Aid and Home Guard casualty clearing post, to which part of the Community Buildings was given over.

Besides her nursing work, Sister Faith did a good deal of Church needlework; a set of vestments made by her was used for the first time the Sunday before she died.

Sister Faith will be much missed, not only by the Community, but also by many village friends, to whom she was always ready to render first aid in minor emergencies.

She was laid to rest on January 29th in the Community's burial ground, a beautiful and peaceful spot.

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