

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 continued with unparalleled sympathy and generosity in sending gifts of food and garments to help College members in this country during the past year.

OBITUARY

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

<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>
Mrs. Florence Dinning	Miss Eva Morley
Sister Faith Daniels	Miss Ida C. Goodbody
Miss Adeline A. du Sautoy	Miss Margaret M. Cornock

The President spoke of the work of the Council achieved during the past year, and of its continued success and progress which the Report recorded.

The Register of Nurses.

In reference to the strong opposition of the College to the withdrawal from publication of the State Register of Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the plea of expense, the meeting was unanimous in its opinion that the unjustifiable use of Registered Nurses' fees to inaugurate a State Roll of Assistant Nurses was the cause of the debt and lack of money which now deprives Registered Nurses of their published Register.

Appointment of Auditors.

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

The President warmly welcomed the new members of the Council:—

Mrs. Mabel C. Barber, S.R.N., D.N. (Lond.), who had given such valuable service to the Council in the past—the President felt the Council was to be congratulated on the good fortune of her re-election; Miss Mabel Wakefield, S.R.N., R.M.P.A., and Miss Ada Ward, S.R.N.—the President was sure these ladies would bring much valuable help to the Council's deliberations.

Vote of Thanks.

The President proposed very warm thanks to the Secretary, Miss A. S. Bryson, for her services rendered during the past year, and to Miss Maude Angel for her able work as Secretary of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and to Miss B. Bowering for her devoted labour to the College at all times.

To other helpers—Miss Gooding, Mrs. Jessop and Miss Brady—for clerical help most loyally given; also the Council is greatly indebted to Miss Bunch for her very able work in the library.

In thanking the President for her perhaps too appreciative recognition of her service for the College, Miss Bryson felt it had been her very good fortune to have met Mrs. Bedford Fenwick long ago—whose genius and dynamic personality always inspired courage—and her memory ever reminded one of our duty to our profession.

In the work of the College to-day, Miss Bryson expressed herself most grateful to the President, Miss McLoughlin, in her great understanding of the difficulties to be overcome, especially so of one's shortcomings, which contributes so largely to the smooth working of this organisation.

The Chairman thought we could not close without sending a message of deep regret to Miss M. B. MacKellar that she was unavoidably absent owing to a sharp attack of influenza. Miss MacKellar, one of our most active Vice-Presidents, had given of her labour and talents for the benefit of the College and as a member of the Editorial Board of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

A very warm vote of thanks to the President for all she did for the continued success of the College was proposed by Mrs. Thomas Barber, and greeted with acclamation.

In expressing her thanks to the meeting, Miss McLoughlin said it gave her great pleasure to do all she could for the

College and considered they were not slipping back nor standing still, but were steadily advancing towards professional progress.

The meeting then terminated.

Commemoration of State Registration of Nurses, 1919.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, marked yet once again the happy remembrance of the great day for the Nursing Profession when "*le Roi le veult*" rang through the Chamber of the House of Commons, and the victory for the State Registration of Nurses was won.

Thus it was that the President and Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., invited a large gathering of Fellows, Members and their friends to partake of a delectable tea, where tables most artistically arranged, involved an atmosphere of conviviality.

The highlight of the occasion was the cutting of the beautiful iced cake, flanked on either side by the glow of large red candles, so much enjoyed by the company.

Lecture—"On the English Novel."

THE FIRST of a Course of interesting Lectures will be delivered by Mr. F. P. Edwards on Friday, January 20th, 1950, at 4.45 p.m., at the British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

Fellows, Members and their friends will be welcome to Tea preceding the Lecture at 4 p.m.

We take this opportunity on behalf of many of our members to express united thanks to the Returned Army Nurses Club, Anzac House, St. Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia, and also to the Returned Army Nurses Club, Adelaide, South Australia, and other friends for the most welcome and highly appreciated wonderful food parcels, which arrived in time for Christmas cheer.

The Passing Bell.

Henrietta J. Hawkins.

THERE passed away on November 26th last a dear little old lady affectionately known to her friends as "Hawkie" or "Dear Hawkie."

For very many years she gave of her talents to this Journal in a multitude of ways, and old readers will remember the "Book of the Week" (when this Journal was published weekly) bearing the initials "H. H."

She had always a wealth of funny little cockney stories, some of which we were able to persuade her to put in writing for our Journal; her love for children was unbounded, and she inspired us to work and save in order to provide little Christmas gifts for some of her poor East End children.

Her father was the Rev. H. Hawkins, one time Chaplain to the Colney Hatch Asylum where she first saw the light of day; and to the last she was keenly interested in the Mental After Care Association, founded by her beloved father to help his less fortunate brethren when they left hospital.

Trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, London, nearly seventy years ago, she was a staunch friend and admirer of the late Margaret Breay and Beatrice Kent, and a fervent churchgoer.

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