

pioneers, she was abounding in commonsense; she had a wide outlook and she had a keen humour. Her course, therefore, was perfectly straight. She desired to obtain State Registration for nurses, just as there is State Registration for medical men, for dentists, and for members of the veterinary profession. The subject proved to be thorny, and was beset with unexpected difficulties, but she never wavered, and, being free from guile, pettiness, and the benumbing spirit of party, she allowed her will to carry her far beyond the strength of her body. Illness came upon her, but she could say with Milton:—

“ Yet I argue not
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate one jot
Of heart or hope; but still bear up and steer
Right onward. What supports me, dost thou ask?
The conscience, Friend, to have lost them overplied
In Liberty's defence, my noble task,
Of which all Europe talks from side to side.”

Indeed, if she would have been persuaded to do less, or to allow others to share her work, her life might have been prolonged. It was characteristic of the woman, and the keynote of her success, that she must carry out to the very end all those duties which she had undertaken even though her life should be the cost of her conscientiousness. Others will take up her work, but it will be difficult to follow her. We, her friends, shall miss her grievously, though we are the better for having known her as an example of duty and of courage.

D'ARCY POWER.

AN APPROPRIATE MEMORIAL.

Miss F. Whitley, West House, Halifax, in sending a donation of £5 from herself and her sister to the Special Registration Fund, writes that she does so in memory of Miss Isla Stewart, instead of sending a wreath. She feels that Miss Stewart had the registration cause so closely at heart that this is the most suitable form of commemoration.

The League of St. John's House Nurses has also sent a guinea, “ In memory of the life and work of Miss Isla Stewart.”

One of Miss Stewart's last acts before she left London was to forward over £14, which she had collected, to the State Registration Society, and these gifts seem singularly appropriate.

The loss which the Society has sustained by the death of its President is impossible to estimate, and we are sure that she herself would rejoice that the cause in which she was so keenly interested, and to which she devoted so much time and thought, should be supported by those who cared for her.

THE GENERAL SORROW.

From all quarters spontaneous tributes to the high worth of Miss Stewart are being received.

THE QUEEN'S SYMPATHY.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously sent to Miss Janet Stewart the Badge of the Territorial Force Nursing Service which Miss Isla Stewart would have received at her hands, had she lived, on Saturday last. The letter which accompanied it expressed her Majesty's appreciation of Miss Stewart's work for the Service, and her personal sympathy.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales, through Sir Arthur Bigge, has requested Lord Sandhurst in the following letter to convey his sympathy to the relatives of the late Miss Isla Stewart:—

Marlborough House, March 7th, 1910.

MY DEAR SANDHURST,—The Prince of Wales is much concerned to receive your sad news of the death of the Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. His Royal Highness had known Miss Stewart for some years, and fully realises what a great power for good she was, not only in the administration, but as a personal influence in the hospital. His Royal Highness begs that you will convey the expression of his sincere regret to her relatives, and his sympathy with the hospital authorities in the great loss which they have sustained.

Believe me, yours very truly,

ARTHUR BIGGE.

RESOLUTION OF THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At a special meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association, held at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on March 10th, Miss Kelly (Matron of Dr. Steevens' Hospital) proposed the following resolution:—

The members of the Irish Nurses' Association tender to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses their deepest sympathy in the loss sustained by the death of their noble friend and President, Miss Isla Stewart. They wish to place on record their profound sorrow for the irreparable loss to the cause of professional organisation and progress through the passing away of so brilliant, loyal, and devoted a colleague.

Miss Kelly said: “ It is with feelings of profound sorrow that I move this vote of condolence with our English colleagues. Not only English speaking nurses, but nurses of the whole nursing world, will regret the passing away of one of the most brilliant, earnest, and energetic workers in the great cause of organisation and development. It has been marvellous the amount of time and zealous care which Miss Stewart bestowed upon every scheme for the advancement of nurses, notwithstanding

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