

Miss Isabel M. Stewart, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A., has asked for copies of "The Nursing Pageant," by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Mollett, for the College Library, as the one in use is "getting quite worn out." Miss Stewart writes: "You will be interested to know that the students and graduates of this Department (of Nursing and Health) have collected a fund to form a historical nursing library in honour of Miss M. Adelaide Nutting (Professor of Nursing). We are very anxious to gather together all the interesting things we can connected with nursing and hospital work, and we are particularly keen to have anything of significance connected with "Florence Nightingale."

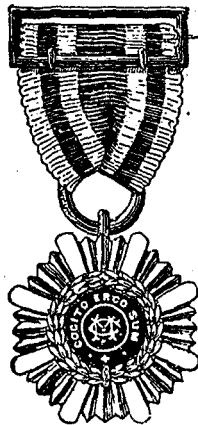
Some years ago we started an International Nursing Library, and have thus secured to future generations of nurses the complete file of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and NURSING RECORD, now sixty-three volumes; a complete file of *The Nurses' Journal*, the official organ of the Royal British Nurses' Association; a complete file of *The American Journal of Nursing*, &c.; all reports of the meetings of the International Council of Nurses; and papers, pamphlets, and letters of historic interest; copies of every Nurses' Registration Bill drafted in the United Kingdom; and Blue Books containing matters of interest to the nursing profession. All these valuable journals and records of the history of the nursing movement for the past thirty-two years are now invaluable. Who will preserve them when the pioneers have passed away? No doubt the General Nursing Council, the outcome of all these documents and propaganda, will form its own Nursing Library, and if so, it will be the best custodian of its own prenatal literature.

The late Mr. George Courtauld, of Cut Hedge, Halstead, Essex, left his nurse, Miss Elsie Chambers, £1,000.

The Hon. Sir Charles Abercrombie Smith, of St. Cyrus, Wynberg, Cape Province, South Africa, left £500 to his nurse, Miss Sara Smith, in appreciation of her untiring and devoted service.

How little interest the proposal for an eight-hours' day arouses in nurses in hospitals and kindred institutions is demonstrated by the fact that not one paper has been received in reply to our competition question this week asking for schemes for arranging the work of nurses in such institutions on the basis of an eight-hours' day, or a forty-eight hours' week.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



The Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held by kind invitation of Miss A. M. Bushby, Matron, and the Committee of Management, at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, on April 30th. Before the business meeting the members paid a visit to the beautifully kept wards, which were exquisitely tidy and gay with flowers. The walls are for the most part tiled with green and white tiles, while the French windows open on to wide balconies, on to which the cots can be easily wheeled. Every cot seemed occupied in this busy hospital, but throughout it scarcely a cry was heard, and in spite of the serious illnesses of many of the little patients happiness was the prevailing note. We noticed the cupboards marked Poison, and with glass doors, through which the contents were plainly visible, padlocked, as they always should be. In the case of one mite, to whom oxygen was being administered, the bottle (standing in a bowl of warm water) into which it was conveyed from the cylinder, and passed through brandy, had hanging over it a hood, which is the device of the senior physician, Dr. Porter Parkinson, so that the warmed oxygen as it emerges from the bottle is not diffused, and the patient gets the full benefit of it.

The operating theatre is so arranged as to be flooded with a north-east light, the white tiled walls reflect it, the roof and two sides of the walls are almost entirely of glass, the copper operating table, the glass tables, shelves, and fittings were all immaculate. The kitchens and laundry, where all the workers were as busy as bees, and the Nurses' Home were all visited in turn.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Business Meeting, at which there was an excellent attendance, was held in the Board Room of the Hospital, and, in the much regretted absence of the President, Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., the chair was taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who, on her arrival at the hospital, was presented by Sister C. M. Bulteel, R.R.C., with a lovely and fragrant sheaf of roses, carnations and lilies of the valley, which members of the nursing staff had visited Covent Garden to procure that morning, and which naturally gave the recipient very great pleasure.

Amongst the correspondence letters were received from the Lady Mayoress, Brigadier-General Page-Croft, M.P., C.M.G., Miss Amy

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