

not had one generous supporter in the Press; if they had not had their own independent organ they would not have been able to put forward the professional nurses' point of view. Its educative influence had been incalculable throughout the world in the past, as she hoped it would continue to be in the future.

Mrs. Fenwick spoke of the great work for registration of the late Miss Isla Stewart, and the consistent, steady support of Miss Heather-Bigg. She endorsed what had been said in the Address of the help given by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and referred with pleasure to the fact that the nurses of the world had adopted the programme of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. The nurses had their professional organ in every civilised country, and upwards of fifty Acts for the Registration of Nurses were now in force. It was a tremendous thing that the Nurses' Registration Acts in the United Kingdom embodied all the great principles for which the organised nurses had contended. She was going to the General Nursing Council to represent the Nursing Profession as a whole, and to work for it to the best of her ability, and hoped all the nurse members would do the same. Concluding, she thanked the donors for their kind words and generous gifts, which she valued more than words could express.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick also expressed his thanks for the useful gift presented to him, which he should value highly and use constantly. It was particularly appropriate, as he had written much in support of the registration cause in the past, and had for fourteen years edited a medical paper, which had educated medical opinion on nurses' registration, and done much to secure the appointment by the Government of a Select Committee to inquire into the expediency of the State Registration of Nurses, and to get a unanimous vote in favour of such a measure. He hoped to use the pen, for which he sincerely thanked the donors, for the nurses' cause in the future.

Dr. Fenwick spoke of the disappointment felt by Mrs. Fenwick and himself that Miss A. M. Bushby was prevented by indisposition from being present, a disappointment he felt sure was shared by those present. He proposed that a message to this effect should be sent to her, which was cordially agreed.

TOUS NOS HOMMAGES.

The following telegram received by Mrs. Fenwick from her French friends gave her very great pleasure:—"Tous nos hommages, Ecole Florence Nightingale, Bordeaux."

During a real peace time tea Mrs. Fenwick received many individual thanks and congratulations, the whole company buzzing with enthusiasm at the happy consummation of the State Registration campaign.

M. B.

GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting, and the Twelfth Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, will be held in the Nurses' Home on Friday evening, May 28th, at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained by members of the League, price 1s. each, and application for them should be made not later than Thursday, May 27th, addressed to the Hon. Secretary, at the Matron's Office.

The Annual Meeting will take place at 8 p.m.

This year competitive exhibitions of photographs and needlework will again be held. Prizes have been placed at the disposal of the judges, and awards will be made in the different classes should entries be sufficient.

THE EDINBURGH NURSES' CLUB.

Lady Susan Gilmour presided at the opening of the new Nurses' Club, 8, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on May 5th, and said that the first object was to form the headquarters of the Edinburgh centre of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and also to be a club for all qualified nurses and for those who were preparing for the profession. About £3,500 had been raised, and the club had been furnished almost entirely by the generosity of friends.

The Club was declared open by the Countess of Mar and Kellie, who expressed the hope that nurses, who toiled mentally and physically, would find in it refreshment of soul and body and fresh energy for their work.

At the conclusion of the proceedings Miss Gill, R.R.C., thanked the Committee on behalf of the nurses.

AN INEXCUSABLE BLUNDER.

It appears from the report published last week in Messrs. Macmillan's lay-edited *Nursing Times* that it was unrepresented in the Bloomsbury County Court when the case of the Mental Nurses' Association, Ltd., v. Nurse Downie was tried, and that it therefore adopted the simple expedient of lifting matter from THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. If the Judge objects to a judgment being attributed to him which he never gave, and which is our editorial summary of the case, which appeared, quite distinctly under a separate heading, the proprietors of the paper concerned must blame their own journalistic methods for this inexcusable blunder.

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