

to the interests of the Nursing Profession and of her love of Literature.'"

Presentation of Books.

Mrs. Fenwick then invited those present to present their gifts of books to the Library and said those already donated comprised the biographies of eminent women and nurses; it was hoped to add to these the lives of great physicians and surgeons, and famous scientists, and later their most eminent works. Books on Nursing, Hygiene and Medical Science would also be included.

Mrs. Fenwick said the first gift was a beautifully illustrated "Life of Queen Victoria," a great patriotic Queen and example to British women, by Richard R. Holmes, F.S.A., Librarian to the Queen. She herself had given "The Life of Joan of Arc," by Anatole France, as she felt strongly that England owed reparation for the Martyrdom of this Saint.

She had also given copies of the Lives of "Catherine Loch," sometime Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who devoted her life to the Indian Army Nursing Service—and "Sister Henrietta of Kimberley," the pioneer of State Registration of Nurses in South Africa.

Beautifully bound copies of "The Life of Florence Nightingale" (2 vols.) by Sir Edward Cook, were presented by Miss I. M. G. Davy, F.B.C.N. "The Life of Elizabeth Fry" (2 vols.) by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N. "The Life of Agnes Jones" (the great pioneer of Poor Law Nursing) by Miss Mary G. Allbutt, F.B.C.N., Matron of Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith. "The History of St. Bartholomew's Hospital" by Sir Norman Moore, (2 vols.) and copies of the first edition of

"Practical Nursing," by Isla Stewart and Herbert Cuff, M.D., by Mrs. Lancelot-Andrews, F.B.C.N. "A Short History of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1123-1923," by Sir D'Arcy Power, K.B.E., F.R.C.S., by Miss Vergette, F.B.C.N., and "The Life of Queen Margaret of Scotland," by Dr. Kenneth Stewart. Other gifts were promised.

The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund also proposed to re-institute the Isla Stewart Oration—two of which had already been delivered—the first in the Guildhall, by the permission of the Lord Mayor of London. Thus would the life of this noble woman be kept for ever in remembrance by future generations of Registered Nurses, who owed her gratitude and reverence.

Vote of Thanks.

The proceedings concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, moved by Dr. Caiger, who said that Mrs. Fenwick had spoken of her affection for Isla Stewart, but he could speak from personal knowledge of the love Isla Stewart had for her.

The guests then visited the charming Class Room, in which the fine antique Bookcase was appropriately placed, and which was greatly admired. Everything was reminiscent of beauty and light, the room being decorated with

lovely crimson flowers, the occasion being recognised as one of thanksgiving. Tea was served in the Secretary's spacious office, where a wealth of gold and tawny flowers shared the lovely Adam marble mantelpiece with old English blue and white pottery, and decorated every table. A tour of the College made all present realise how greatly such Headquarters added to the prestige and solidarity of the Nursing Profession, and how just it was that she who had stood out as a pioneer of all that the House represented, should be honoured in its precincts.

AN "AT HOME" TO YORKSHIRE FELLOWS AND MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

A delightful "At Home" was given to the Yorkshire Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses on Wednesday, November 16th, by Miss Davies, F.B.C.N., Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, to meet Miss D. K. Graham, F.B.C.N., the Lecturer to the College. Among those present were State-registered Nurses from Halifax, Leeds, Bradford, Bingley, Huddersfield and Calverley. Miss Graham gave an address to the Fellows and Members, and obligated those who had recently been admitted to the College as Fellows and Members and had been unable to attend for this purpose at Headquarters.

Miss Davies spoke about the Constitution of the British College, and of its work, after which Miss W. Foster, L.R.A.M., played many beautiful solos on the piano, and Miss Powner, a Sister of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, sang several very charming songs.

At the close of the meeting Miss Graham proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Davies and her staff for

their great kindness in inviting them there that day, and for the generous support they had given to the College.

Miss Pickard, F.B.C.N. (Leeds), seconded the vote of thanks, especially mentioning Miss Turton, F.B.C.N., the Assistant Matron, Bradford Royal Infirmary, and Miss Taylor, the Housekeeping Sister.

Miss Russell, F.B.C.N., Matron of the Hospital at Bingley, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Foster and Miss Powner for the beautiful music they had all so much enjoyed. This was seconded by Miss Graham.

Before the guests separated Miss Davies handed to Miss Graham the sum of £2 to purchase a gift from them for the British College of Nurses.

A NOVEL PRIZE COMPETITION.

A Prize of ten shillings and sixpence will be awarded by the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, for the best article, of not more than 600 words, on:

"How would available Funds of the British College of Nurses be best spent on the higher education of nurses?"

The article should be signed by the competitor and addressed to the Editor, BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING Office, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 1, and reach her not later than Wednesday, December 28th.

In honoured memory of
ISLA STEWART,
A woman of noble qualities.
Matron and Superintendent of Nursing
St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1887-1910.
This Bookcase was placed in
The British College of Nurses
on November 15th, 1927,
by those who hold her in affectionate remembrance.
In commemoration of her life-long devotion
to the interests of the Nursing Profession
and of her love of Literature.

THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BOOKCASE.

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