

Reminiscences," by Millicent Garrett Fawcett; for Isla Stewart Bookcase, Educational Books.

Miss S. A. Villiers.—£1 ls. for History of Nursing Section.

Miss I. Macdonald.—Theatre Tickets.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.—Concert Tickets.

Miss S. E. Cowe.—Foliage.

It was agreed to form Groups of Fellows and Members by request.

#### Memorial Service to Dame Millicent Fawcett.

The President reported that she, Miss Bushby and Miss K. Smith had represented the Council, and Miss Alice Cattell, the Fellows, at the Memorial Service for the late Dame Millicent Fawcett, at Westminster Abbey. The Abbey was crowded with an immense congregation of people of all ranks—no Oration was delivered, but the whole service was exquisitely impressive.

#### Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, December 21st, at 2 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### FIXTURES.

##### For December.

December 13th.—Second lecture on Bacteriology by Dr. Arthur Rosher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 5.30 p.m.

December 21st.—Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

#### THE SOCIAL SECTION.

##### Dance for Members of The British College of Nurses.

The dance given by Miss D. K. Graham and Miss I. Macdonald to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., was most successful. Dancing commenced at 8 p.m. and went on without interruption until midnight when, punctually to the minute, the band struck up the National Anthem, good-byes were said, and the drawing-room, which had been crowded throughout the evening, was empty again. About a hundred and sixty guests were present and the fact that the numbers of ladies and gentlemen were equal made organisation of the separate dances a very simple matter to the hostesses. It gave to the nurses very great gratification and pleasure when, in the middle of the evening, Major Sir Richard Barnett arrived for a short interval "to see the Nurses at play," and a little bird was heard whispering afterwards that he had been very appreciative of "the pretty frocks." Everyone appeared determined to do his or her bit to make the evening go merrily. We saw a learned doctor of philosophy participating in a riotous "Paul Jones" with anything but a professorial expression on his countenance, and some of the nurses were heard comparing notes on war-time experiences with officers present. The medical profession was well represented and every Scotch woman there appeared to wish for an introduction to a "foreigner" in swirling kilt whose dancing, we were told, left nothing to be desired. The band was splendid and quite good-natured over the intolerance of the dancers in the matter of intervals! The R.B.N.A. cook had done her best to make the supper room an attraction which would compete with the band, for the nurses have a wonderful way of managing at all times to keep in *her* good graces and there is nothing she will not rise to for them.

Last but not least, the Honorary Club Gardener—Miss Beatrice Treasure—had, as usual, filled the rooms with flowers, and no one could be anything but gay among the loveliness she had spread around to add to the joy of her colleagues.

#### GRATITUDE TO SIR RICHARD BARNETT.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, a notable function took place at the British College of Nurses which was honoured by the presence of Major Sir Richard Barnett, on the occasion of the acceptance of his portrait, which had been presented by a Member of the College, and placed in the Nurses' Club Room.

The Council who were present in their robes, and Fellows and Members who had been foremost in working for the cause of State Registration of Nurses, were determined that their College should be particularly festive for the occasion of the visit of their Champion in the House of Commons, for they do not forget—they never will forget—that they owe him undying gratitude. So the fine entrance hall was gay with flowers. The Councillors provided a fund for this purpose but, in addition, the President sent pink chrysanthemums, Miss Alice Cattell brought Christmas cherries, pink chrysanthemums, palms and foliage, and Miss Isabel Macdonald lovely pink roses, which, artistically arranged by the Secretary, Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, had a place of honour in the Club Room.

Sir Richard Barnett was received by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, and was then conducted to the fine Council Chamber, where he talked for a while to old friends amongst the Councillors, and made the acquaintance of others, and then proceeded to the Club Room.

Amongst those present, in addition to Fellows and Members, were Sir John Hopkins (a warm supporter of the Nurses' Registration Bill when Member of Parliament for South East St. Pancras) and Lady Hopkins, J.P., Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Mr. John Whieldon, a cousin of Sir Richard Barnett, Miss E. Pelham Williams, M.B.C.N., the donor of the portrait, and others.

The Club Room looked charming. Always a most harmonious room, with its fine furniture, and *famille rose* china, it was looking its best with lights effectively disposed and lovely flowers on mantelshelf and tables.

#### The President accepts Gift of Portrait of Major Sir Richard Barnett for the College.

When all were assembled, turning to Sir Richard Barnett, Mrs. Fenwick said:—

Major Sir Richard Barnett:—In the name of the Council, the Fellows and Members of this College of Nurses, I desire to express to you how deeply gratified we are, that you have done us the honour of being present on this memorable occasion, when we meet to accept your portrait, a gift from Miss Edith Pelham Williams, a Member of this College, in recognition of the very great debt owed to you by the Registered Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, in advocating so generously and effectively in the House of Commons their Registration by the State; and thus obtaining for them the protection and prestige of legal status—a right for which the public-spirited minority of trained nurses in this country had striven valiantly in and out of Parliament for thirty years.

It is with great joy that many of these pioneers are present to-day to give you welcome.

Your association with State Registration of Nurses is happily not devoid of romance—and on the table repose the practical result—the first slim Register of Nurses issued in 1922, containing some 6,000 names, and the bulky volume up to 1928—which contains 55,474 names.

You will remember that it was that staunch registrationist, Miss Beatrice Kent, resident in your constituency of West St. Pancras, who secured your promise in 1919, that if fortune favoured you in the ballot you would introduce the Nurses' Registration Bill, promoted by the Central Committee, and after years of hope deferred the promoters of State Registration found the fulfilment of

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