

PRESENTATION OF BOOKPLATES.

Madam President, Councillors, Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses.

I have great pleasure in presenting two Bookplates for permanent use in the volumes already collected and for all future additions to the Library of our College.

The idea of the centre figures on both Bookplates is all I can claim as my share in the production.

The artistry is the clever work of Miss Elspeth Henderson, of Harrow, to whom I had the good fortune to be introduced by a mutual friend. You will see how gracefully she has carried out the design on the Seal of the College with the Head of our Founder and the significant acorn, with the addition of the Motto of the College, your own inspiration, Madam President.

Knowledge. Service.
Charity. Honour.

The blocks and printing were intrusted to The De La More Press, Alexander Moring Ltd., 2a, Cork Street, London, W.1.

The idea of a special bookplate for the particularly valuable and treasured books which have a permanent place in the Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase appealed to me as an opportunity of still further perpetuating the Memory of the late Matron of my School of training. Her work in the education of Nurses was coupled through so many years in the most beautiful friendship between two great characters in the Profession that it has been my privilege to know, and in these two bookplates I trust to convey an expression of my esteem.

To the kind permission accorded by the President and Members of The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, I have had reproduced the bronze Plaque by Mr. Allan C. Wyon, which is one of the most lifelike portraits we can hope to keep of Isla Stewart. Through the reproduction of her Likeness on the Bookplate we have an opportunity of sharing this privilege with many who will only know of Isla Stewart as an outstanding name in the History of Nursing. To those who remember her, it cannot fail to make the handling of the Volumes a still more intimately valuable and treasured experience.

In this College our aims are both National and International, thanks to your lifework, Madam President, in these causes for the Nursing Profession. We shall show our Colleagues from all parts of the world when they visit our Headquarters in London the Volumes in the collection of books that will increase as precious possessions as well as numerically through the coming years.

G. LE GEYT,

Councillor of The British College of Nurses.

23rd April, 1932.

A VALUABLE GIFT.

Miss D. K. Graham has presented the College with a perfect Statuette in *Blanc de Chine* of Kuan-yin, the "Chinese Madonna," or Goddess of Mercy—a Bodhisattva; that is, a perfect being, with only one more incarnation to pass before attaining Nirvana. She is a Buddhist goddess of mercy, and is represented heavily draped. The Buddhist religion was introduced into China from India in the year A.D. 64, and in conflict with other religions exercised the most fortunate influence upon Art, reviving many of its ancient formulas. The College now possesses Statuettes of Kuan-yin, Joan of Arc, and Florence Nightingale—Mercy, Valour and Order. We should be well protected.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

The old saying that "the early bird gets the worm" applies in many instances, thus with the Grants made annually by the College, it is those members who read their JOURNAL attentively, who, circumstances permitting, note the time annually when application may be made to the Council for Grants, which so far have proved most acceptable to the majority.

Midwifery takes precedence, as unless given free by the Training Schools, the £35 fees charged cannot be easily met by many Registered Nurses, and the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board is indispensable for those who intend to meet the qualifications required for service beyond the hospital wards, especially on foreign service.

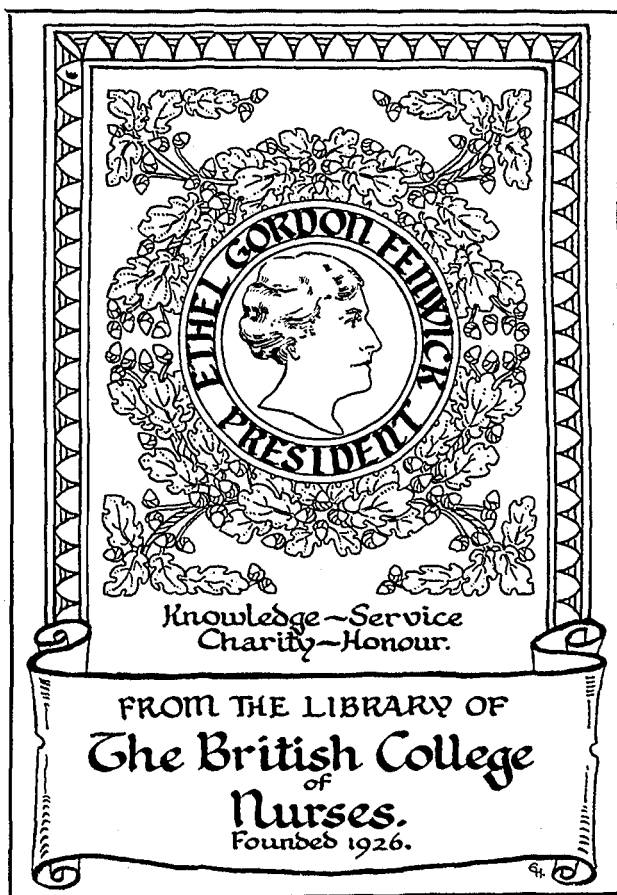
Next apparently in favour is the possession of a Hospital Housekeeping Certificate, and many of our large Training Schools have organised an admirable course and take pupils. It is found that for those nurses who wish to rise to superintend institutions and become Matrons, that a sound knowledge of

housekeeping in the ward and the home is a valuable asset, and, indeed, a sound knowledge of the domestic arts is invaluable to women in every sphere of life.

In our far flung Empire the study of the nursing of Tropical Diseases is invaluable to those going abroad, and a Health Visitor's Certificate is more and more indispensable for those attracted to Public Health Nursing.

The Hospital Administration Classes have proved most popular, and to the Matrons and Authorities of general and special hospitals, many members of the College are specially grateful for the facilities permitted and knowledge acquired.

Of course it is to be hoped that in the future when nursing education is appreciated by the public, many more scholarships for Sister Tutors will be available, such endowments would repay it a hundredfold.



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