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#### WHAT OUR FELLOWS ARE DOING. A Delightful Dance.

On the evening of Saturday, February 18th, 1933, Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., Miss Beatrice Cutler, F.B.C.N., and Miss D. K. Graham, F.B.C.N., welcomed at 194, Queen's Gate many guests to a delightful dance generously arranged by them for Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, and the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Terpsichore on this occasion favoured our countrymen and women north of the Tweed, for it was chiefly to the irresistible lilt of Scottish airs that this gay company danced, Scotch reels coming in for a share.

Very marked were the charming elegant frocks worn, but even more so was the grace and fine stature of a very large proportion of the guests. The kilts were a feature of the evening, full dress Tartans of some of the oldest Clans in Scotland added dignity and charm to the scene. Dr. George McKinnon, the famous amateur champion Scottish piper, and Mr. Clark led off the reels with beautiful piping.

The dining and Council rooms were thrown open for refreshments, and there tables were beautifully spread with most delectable dainties, and everywhere was evidence of the floral generosity of Miss Beatrice Treasure. The choice of blooms so lovely, enhanced by her skilful arrangement, remain a joy to remember.

The whole evening was full of sparkle and gaiety, and very warm thanks are due to our three kind and tireless hostesses, Miss Macdonald, Miss Cutler and Miss Graham, who are to be congratulated upon their art in entertaining.

#### LECTURE ON "HISTORY OF NURSING," ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, PAISLEY.

Miss Isabel Macdonald's Lecture on "The History of Nursing," at Paisley Royal Alexandra Infirmary, on February 10th, was well attended by nurses and interested friends.

Miss Cowie said Miss Macdonald required no introduction to an audience of nurses. Her eloquent tongue and pen had often defended the rights of the profession on the one hand, and on the other, spurred them to fresh effort along the path of duty.

Miss Macdonald was one of the many Scots who had found their way to London, and in herself formed one of the ties by which the sister countries were so inextricably bound together. She was in the line of that great woman whose centenary we now sought to mark worthily; and of another, only less great, who said "Patriotism is not enough."

Such are nourished from an inner life, which gives that vision without which the people perish.

The lecture was heard with rapt attention, and the collection of beautiful and valuable slides illustrated most effectively the information which Miss Macdonald gave from her rich store; tracing woman's part in the care of the sick, from the Aesculapian temple, through the Middle Ages, up till to-day with its scientific demands and wide possibilities.

Mr. Hutton, Clerk and Collector to the Infirmary, who takes a keen interest in all pertaining to the Nursing Staff, moved the vote of thanks to Miss Macdonald in appreciative terms. Those who know the history of the church in Scotland will be interested to know that Mr. Hutton is a son of the redoubtable champion of Disestablishment, Dr. Hutton.

Matrons and others in the neighbourhood, in responsible nursing posts, met Miss Macdonald afterwards at an

informal tea, and all expressed the pleasure they had derived from the lecture, and from seeing the lecturer.

A collection taken amounted to £4 15s. for the Nightingale Scholarships through the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

#### LECTURE ON "HISTORY OF NURSING," ROYAL MENTAL HOSPITAL, GLASGOW.

Under the auspices of the British College of Nurses, Miss Isabel Macdonald delivered a lecture on the History of Nursing, at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, on February 13th, 1933.

Dr. A. K. Chalmers, introducing Miss Macdonald, laid stress on the value of such a lecture embodying the progress of the care of the sick and hurt and all distressed in body and mind throughout the ages. He envisaged the future nurse as one conversant with all branches of her art enhanced in value by the light of our modern knowledge.

The lecture was very comprehensive, tracing the development of nursing from mediæval times, and illustrated by means of wonderful lantern slides. Slides specially applauded were those of Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (the pioneer in the cause of State Registration), Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., and those relating to Queen Margaret of Scotland. One slide in particular was of special interest to the members of the medical profession present—that of one who was not the least of Glasgow's famous sons, the Founder of the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, who was wont to subscribe himself quaintly—Maister Peter Low.

Mr. Patrick (Surgeon, Royal Infirmary), in proposing the vote of thanks, complimented Miss Macdonald on the scope and quality of her lecture, and called upon Sister Duncan to present Miss Macdonald with a small leather bag.

There was a large attendance, and the applause showed how thoroughly the lecture had been appreciated.

The Council of the British College of Nurses are indebted to Miss Brodie (Matron of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow), for making admirable arrangements for making it possible to hold the lecture. The more members of the Nursing Profession study its history, the more they realise the value of their work in the body politic.

#### THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

The following names have been entered in the beautiful Book of Remembrance for the years 1931-1932:—

1931.  
Miss Winifred Parker, F.B.C.N. Died Oct. 29, 1931.  
1932.  
Miss Edith Eliza Please, F.B.C.N. Died Jan. 5, 1932.  
Mrs. Anna Margaretta Frith (née Cameron) F.B.C.N. Died Jan. 6, 1932.  
Miss Georgina Bonar Macvitie, M.B.C.N. Died Mar. 13, 1932.  
Miss Eva Esther Bell, F.B.C.N. Died April 23, 1932.  
Mrs. Dora Lily Iremonger, F.B.C.N. Died June 27, 1932.  
Miss Alice Garstang, F.B.C.N. Died July 26, 1932.  
Miss Emily Turner, M.B.C.N. Died Sept. 26, 1932.  
Miss Dorothy Annie Snell, F.B.C.N. Died Oct. 20, 1932.  
Miss Catherine Russell Templeman, F.B.C.N. Died Nov. 26, 1932.

#### A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

The sense of spiritual independence is like the lovely varnish of the dew; whereby the old, hard-packed earth, and its old self-same productions, are made new every morning and shining with the last touch of the artist's hand.—*Emerson*.

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