

This Committee has been responsible for four Scholarships for the current session: 1 from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain; 1 from the British Red Cross Society; 1 from the Nightingale Fellowship and 1 from the Nightingale Fund. The Hon. Treasurer recently appointed is Major A. C. Abrahams, C.B.E. The Appeal through which it is hoped to raise £40,000 this year is procurable in pamphlet form with a portrait of Miss Nightingale on the cover, and can be secured by members of the public from Mrs. Woodhall, Secretary, National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.

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Two events of outstanding importance in the nursing world since our last issue are:—

(1) The Address delivered by Miss Isabel Macdonald on "A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth," on Registration Day, and

(2) The acquisition by the British College of Nurses of the Address to Miss Nightingale, printed on satin, presented to her by the "Inhabitants of the City of Sydney" during the Crimean War.

It is proposed that the former shall be issued in pamphlet form, and the latter reproduced on satin and on card, and sold for the Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

We have received with special pleasure, with the Christmas greetings of Miss Elizabeth C. Burgess, Miss Isabel M. Stewart, and Miss Lillian A. Hudson, a copy of the charming Bookplate of the Adelaide Nutting Historical Nursing Collection in the Library of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, and reproduce here the descriptive matter which accompanies it. Nursing Librarians will welcome the generosity of the Founders in extending to other historical nursing libraries permission to use the design with suitable modifications in nomenclature.

DESCRIPTION OF BOOKPLATE.

This Bookplate by a well-known engraver, Mr. Arthur M. MacDonald, of New Jersey, will be of interest not only to nurses but to many others who will appreciate its fine workmanship and the wealth of symbolism embodied in it.

The two classic figures on either side of the central panel will be readily recognised as Minerva and Hygiea, goddesses of Wisdom and of Health, Nurses of the older and newer day are represented by a Lady Hospitaller of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem and Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing, with her historic lamp. Above the left and right columns are the Cross of Malta, emblem of the Knights of St. John, and the Geneva Cross, identified throughout the world with the work of the Red Cross. In the central arch a group of Early Christian saints engaged in their ministry of healing, symbolize the spirit of humanity and the fellowship of the healing arts. Woven into the border are figures of the serpent, the lamp and the book, familiar emblems of medicine, science, learning and service. At the top is the quaint old Columbia University seal, depicting a "Mother of Learning" with her brood of nurslings about her, and at the base of the whole structure, typifying the scientific foundations of modern medicine, nursing and public health, stands Pasteur with his microscope. A monastic cloister occupies the centre foreground and through its arches are seen in perspective a group of modern buildings representing a university with its library tower and a hospital, offshoots of the mediæval monastery, again standing side by side after their long separation. This Historical Nursing Collection typifies the growing relationships of nursing with the university and library world, also the rich spiritual and cultural heritage, drawn from many races, which binds the nurses of the world together in an enduring fellowship. It is a living and growing tribute to a distinguished nurse, a student and writer of nursing history and a pioneer in the education of nurses. The founders of the Collection would



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Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., has sent a donation of £50 to the University College Hospital Centenary Fund, which is being raised for the extension of the infant welfare and ante-natal departments and the provision of pay-beds for persons of limited means in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the hospital's foundation.

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