

2. Letter written by Miss Florence Nightingale to S. H. Armitage, Esq., M.D., on one sheet of black-edged paper. Written in pencil with envelope. This note belongs to "Forty-one years in India." Written January 14th, 1897.

3. "Forty-one Years in India," by Field-Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar, V.C., C.B., G.C.S., G.C.I.E. Presentation copy by Miss Florence Nightingale to Capt. Cecil Armitage on his return from the Gold Coast.

These two items were given to the British College by A. M. Bushby as a Jubilee Gift.

"Florence Nightingale to her Nurses," given by Miss Munro.

#### THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

It was reported that since the last Meeting of the Council the spring cleaning had been finished, and many visitors welcomed to the College.

#### HISTORY SECTION.

With a balance in hand of £1 2s. a Silver Jubilee Medal has been purchased, the cost of which was £1 1s., which leaves a balance in hand of 1s.

#### GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

It was agreed to recommend that the following Grants should be awarded July, 1935-36:—

Two Grants for Midwifery Training and Examination by the Central Midwives Board of £35 each, to applicants prepared to work as midwives for twelve months, in the effort to decrease maternal mortality.

Two Grants of £10 each towards Hospital Housekeeping Course.

That *Administration Classes*, which are so much appreciated by Fellows and Members, be continued.

The advisability of arranging for the expressed needs of Members.

#### THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, which all Fellows and Members should attend, there will be a reception and tea, to which all Fellows and Members are invited.

#### AGENDA.

1. The Presentation of the Annual Report.
2. The Financial Report from the Treasurer.
3. The appointment of Auditors.

#### PROPOSED ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The following Resolution was agreed:

"That after one year's retirement, ex-Members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election to the Council," and that this resolution be placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: Jubilee Number "Illustrated London News"; Thanksgiving Number; "The Queen" Jubilee Number; "Complete History of Buckingham Palace"; Jubilee Prayer Book; Form of Prayer—Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, May 6th; Official Programme of Jubilee Procession.

Mr. A. R. Bedford Fenwick: "Punch" Jubilee Number.  
Miss A. S. Bryson: "Illustrated London News" Jubilee Number.

Miss Kathleen Smith: Concert Tickets.

Miss G. Le Geyt: Official Programme for the Silver Jubilee, May 6th, 1935.

Miss H. M. Waldron: "Illustrated London News," The Lying in State of King Edward VII.; Order of Service in commemoration of H.M. King Edward VII in St. James' Church, New York, May 22nd, 1910.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales: The Register of Nurses for 1935.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "Nursing and Diseases of Sick Children" by various authors; "A Textbook of Nursing Technique," by Vannier and Thompson; "Midwifery," by Clifford White, Comyns Berkeley and J. S. Fairbairn.

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, June 22nd.

A Report of the Reception and "Lessons on Nightingaleiana" by Miss A. M. Bushby, was presented, for which the President expressed gratitude.

The meeting then terminated.

#### ELIZABETH ALKIN.

##### A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth.

Miss Isabel Macdonald has generously given a number of her most interesting historical pamphlet, "Elizabeth Alkin," to be sold for the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund. 1s. post free from the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, W.1

#### FIXTURES.

June 22nd.—Monthly meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

July 6th.—Annual General Meeting, 3 p.m., which all Fellows and Members are earnestly requested to attend.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The British College of Nurses held a Reception on Monday, May 13th, in celebration of Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, when there was a large and sympathetic attendance, and Nightingaleiana held pride of place.

Flowers and greenery bloomed in great variety and the statuettes of Miss Nightingale were posed in bowers. Kwan Yin and St. Joan were also honoured, all eager for the opening of the Thanksgiving Box. A lovely tea was served, for teas can be lovely in these days of artistic confectionery.

Everyone realised how grateful they should be to share in thanksgiving for the grace of God in creating so splendid a mortal as Florence Nightingale and inspiring her with the instinct to place health on a pinnacle, and define the basic laws whereby it may be maintained, and further how to tend the sick and lessen suffering. Indeed all present realised the value of the honourable calling to which they belonged.

The Nightingale treasures were on view, portraits, books, mementoes and a fine collection of letters. Miss A. M. Bushby presided and to listen to a lesson delivered by her, as Chairman of the History Section of the British College of Nurses, was indeed a liberal education in Nightingaleiana, and one realised what hours of study are required to acquire even a glimpse into the life of a woman so endowed with genius as Florence Nightingale. Those present listened eagerly to details of her amazing energy, endurance and passionate attacks on unworthy conditions, her great accomplishments and her love of humanity and birds and beasts. Amongst the guests were the Florence Nightingale International Students Class, 1934-1935, who listened to Miss Bushby's teaching with deep interest as it brought the personality of Miss Nightingale into intimate perspective. After tea everyone clustered round the President as she handled the Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day Box and turned the key. It was evident that the members of the College had given liberally.

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