

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory statement.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby was invited to attend the Council when she presented the following Report:—

Since the last Meeting I have received 10s. from Miss E. Brodie and £1 from her Nursing Staff for the Florence Nightingale Statue, making £12 4s. of the £20 it cost.

I have bought another copy of "Constance and Cap the Shepherd's Dog," and am presenting it to the College.

A cup and saucer, Coronation of Queen Victoria, given by Miss Blacklock, a member of the College.

A letter from South Australia enclosing a published receipt of Miss Nightingale's for goods for Eastern Diet stores, sent by Miss E. M. Winnall.

Mrs. Vaughan Nash has most kindly promised a picture of Miss Nightingale.

The Royal United Services' Institution's representative will call for the items to be lent to the Crimean Exhibition.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her research and gifts.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported:—

That there had been 25 visitors to the College, in the History Section a donation of 10s. had been received from Miss I. Macdonald, and the following items had been purchased:—

Picture of Crimea, £1 1s., Eastern Hospitals and English Nurses, 18s.

Miss I. Macdonald had kindly promised to deliver the Address on Registration Day on "St. Brigid, the Veiled Lady of Kildare," at 4.30 p.m.

DEATH OF DR. ANNA HAMILTON.

The President reported with very deep sorrow the death of Dr. Anna Hamilton, of Bordeaux, and gave a brief valedictory address referring to her strenuous life's work for nursing in France, and in proposing that a message of sympathy be sent to the Bordeaux School of Nursing, invited the Council to stand in evidence of their sense of loss to the Nursing Profession generally at the death of so devoted a servant of the sick, and supporter of the highest ethical nursing standards.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Flowers: 10s., Miss I. Macdonald, 10s., Miss M. Breay, 5s., Miss M. M. Grenham, Miss A. A. MacWilliam and Mrs. Wates.

Miss Jessie Holmes. Silver Jubilee, May 6th, 1935, Programme, St. George's Hospital.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, 10s. for History Section.

Miss E. A. Woolley, 14s. for Library Books.

Secretary, The Queen's Institute of District Nursing, "The Survey of District Nursing in England and Wales."

Mr. MacTaggart, Fifty Bricks from Miss Nightingale's house, now demolished.

Mr. F. McCarthy, Reproductions from original photographs of Florence Nightingale: (1) Before Crimea, (2) After Crimean War.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Books for review.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS.

The Royal Christmas Cards were placed before the Council, and it was decided that the King's Christmas Card of "The Silver Jubilee Ceremony in Westminster Hall, May 9th, 1935," should be sent with warm good wishes to Fellows and Members in the Dominions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, December 14th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

Two Administration Classes have been held during November.

1. On November 5th the members of the Class spent a wonderfully interesting and instructive afternoon at the Priory Church and Headquarters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.1., where they were most courteously received by the Librarian, Mr. H. W. Fincham, F.S.A.

2. On November 14th another very interesting Class was held at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.1., when the Members of the Class were very graciously received and conducted through the Hospital by the Matron, Miss E. W. Littlejohn, F.B.C.N., who imparted a vast amount of practical information, and entertained the Class to a lovely tea.

A full report of these visits, for which there is not space in this issue, will appear in subsequent issues of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

FIXTURES.

December 14th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m. Following the Meeting, Celebration of Registration Day, 4.30 p.m. Ceremony of Cutting the Registration Cake.

Miss Macdonald, Vice-President, will deliver an Address on "St. Brigid, the Veiled Lady of Kildare."

Those who wish to be present are requested to apply as soon as possible for a card of admission to the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

A very successful General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held on Wednesday, December 4th, 1935, at the British College of Nurses. A large number attended, and a very satisfactory Report was submitted by Miss M. Drakard, Hon. Secretary. After tea a delightful Lecture was delivered by Mr. Livesey Fowler on "St. Joan." A full report of the Meeting will be published in a future issue.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

Miss Rosalind Stow, F.B.C.N., sends us from the *South Australian Advertiser* a very interesting cutting of a link with Florence Nightingale:

"Mellowed with age, and poignant in the little story which its faded writing reveals, a 79-years-old slip of paper revives the memory of Florence Nightingale, one of the noblest women in history, and her work in the hospitals among the wounded in the Crimean war.

"Bearing the date May 11, 1856, this is an original requisition slip for nourishing ingredients from the Extra Diet Stores, and is signed by 'F. Nightingale,' while she was still in charge of the sick soldiers at Balaklava hospital, after peace was signed. Her request was economical in quantity:—

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Gelatine	} For Jelly.
1½ bottles Sherry	
2 lb. Rice.	

"The slip was presented to the South Australian Division of the Red Cross Society by Mr. Harrison, of Henley Beach, who recently discovered it among some old family papers.

"The society intends to lend it to the Art Gallery.

"Florence Nightingale's 'Extra Diet' scheme was possible through money furnished partly by *The Times* fund, partly out of her own private purse, or from money sent by her immediate friends. Peace was signed at Paris on March 30, 1856, but there was still work to be done in the Crimean hospitals, and Florence Nightingale remained at Balaklava until the beginning of July."

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