

tures of War with Cross and Crescent," by Philip Gibbs and Bernard Grant.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, "Textbook of Medicine for Nurses," by E. Noble Chamberlain; "Some Methods in Health Education," by M. B. Davies and L. Wilkes.

Miss A. S. Bryson, "The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem," by H. W. Fincham, F.S.A.

Matchbox and Tapers and Holder.

Miss Pauline Shekleton (Royal Mementoes Section), Card written by H.R.H. The Princess Christian, sent to the Nursing Staff of "Her Hospital," The Princess Christian Hospital, Englefield Green. Sketches of "Types of the British Army," from "Country Life," August 1918.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, January 18th at 2.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

REGISTRATION DAY CELEBRATION.

Never was there a merrier celebration of Registration Day than that held on Saturday, December 14th, at 4.30 p.m. at the termination of the Council Meeting.

Each year the numbers who wish to take part in commemoration of this Red Letter Day increase, and on this the Sixteenth Birthday upwards of 60 Fellows and Members and staunch supporters in the old pioneer days for State Registration of Nurses forgathered in the Secretary's Office, gay with Christmas decorations of holly, lovely flowers and crackers.

Placed on the centre table was a splendid frosted cake inscribed "British College of Nurses" with a replica of the Seal of the College in marzipan and below in crimson letters, "Registration of Nurses 1919" and surrounded by 16 crimson tapers.

The Celebration will be a memorable one for the masterly Address delivered by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., a Vice-President of the College, on "St. Brigid, the Veiled Lady of Kildare." The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who was in the Chair, in thanking Miss Macdonald, said the research required to illuminate the history of a Saint of the sixth century was unlimited and demanded the concentration of a scholar of high attainments of which there were too few in the Nursing Profession. We were the more fortunate in possessing as a colleague Miss Isabel Macdonald,

ever ready to place her erudition at our disposal, and she hoped the Address would be published for the benefit of the profession at large.

Cutting the Registration Cake.

The lighting of the candles, now 16, always arouses a thrill as "old Registrationists" come forward, taper in hand, to add one more flame to the circle—First the President, then Miss Breay, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Muriel and other pioneers, Miss Isabel Macdonald and pioneer representatives of Nurses Associations. The occasion was memorable this year as Empire Florence Nightingale Students had been invited to take part in the ceremony. The President invited Miss Nan Dorsey to light a candle "to represent Miss Lavinia Dock who in the dark days of the registration struggle in England, by her presence and support did so much to secure its ultimate success."

After Miss Dorsey, U.S.A., the taper was handed to Miss Josephine Manuel, from India, "to celebrate the passing of the Bengal and Punjab Registration Acts," representatives from Canada, New Zealand and Australia also threw light upon the scene amidst applause. The President then cut the cake, which was handed round on the beautiful "Sir Richard Barnett" Silver Salver, and a real Christmas tea was enjoyed with laughter and good fellowship. So passed the sixteenth Celebration of Registration Day—which year by year demonstrates the priceless value of statutory education, and legal status for members of the Nursing Profession throughout the world. And yet there are wonderful nurses



MISS ISABEL MACDONALD. MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.
Cutting the "Registration" Cake at the British College of Nurses.

even in otherwise enlightened countries who are still denied professional status. We must help them to attain it.

The Secretary of the British College of Nurses wishes it known that she has a lovely embroidered tea cloth on sale, given by Miss Macaulay, Matron of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone. Also charming statuettes on stands of Miss Nightingale by Miss Knoblock, price £1 1s., which should be secured at an early date as the supply is limited, and many have been sold. Also a supply of Miss Isabel Macdonald's pamphlet "Elizabeth Alkin, A Nightingale of the Commonwealth," price 1s. 6d. post free. These most interesting items are being sold for the benefit of the Florence Nightingale Scholarship of the National Council of Nurses.

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