

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Fellows and Members continue to pay their subscriptions very kindly, and have the consolation of knowing that in so doing they are maintaining professional power and solidarity of which no body of professional women are in greater need than Registered Nurses.

After the War, after all the disorganisation, there will come a day of reckoning, and we shall need sisterly unity to keep our heads above water.

In the meantime many friends are most kindly giving a helping hand at No. 19 to keep expenses well under control, and callers are very welcome.

WE CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE.

"I am glad that such personal and beautiful objects should have been secured for the College as a Memorial to our ever dear Miss Breay—'dear Breakie' as I always think of her, will always be an honoured and lovely memory—faithful, steadfast and true." E. SPENCER.

"I should be obliged if you would add the money enclosed to the fund for acquiring the crucifix and *Prie-Dieu* of the late Miss M. Breay. I am so glad that the College will possess something which belonged to her and that she valued." E. M. BERENS-DOWDESWELL.

"I consider it a great privilege to send the enclosed towards the Memorial of dear Margaret Breay of blessed memory. May I say how much I appreciate the short article by H. H. which is so very appropriate." KATHLEEN A. SMITH.

"It is indeed a privilege to be associated with the sacred memory of dear Miss Breay, and I love to think of the crucifix and *Prie-Dieu*, which meant so much to her all her life, now being in the care of our College. It is a beautiful thought." RHODA METHERELL.

"I see that dear Miss Breay's lovely ebony and silver crucifix and *Prie-Dieu* have been secured and are going to be kept in the History Section of the British College of Nurses. I think it is a beautiful idea whoever thought of it, and will be most pleasing to her, I am sure. I feel it a real privilege to be allowed to give. Dear Miss Breay, I was very fond of her. How very much indeed we will all miss her." ELSIE ARMSTRONG.

"I have just read in the 'B.J.N.' of the passing of Miss Breay. I need hardly say it came as a great shock to me. Out of love and gratitude for Miss Breay's sweet kindness to me in the past, I should like to have the privilege of being associated with the sacred memento. Before closing may I also thank you for your sweet kindness and help?" LILY WARRINER.

Miss M. B. MacKellar generously sends £1.

Many other letters in the same vein have been received. The crucifix and *Prie-Dieu* are now placed in the History Section of the College and on view to those who wish to see them.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the Library and are on loan to Fellows and Members by request:—

"Modern Midwifery for Nurses" (Vols. I, II, III and IV), by Douglas Hay Scott, M.B., Ch.B., Mary G. M. Nicoll, M.A. (St. Andrew's), S.R.N., S.C.M., and Cathleen M. Higgs, S.C.M.; "Elementary Hygiene for Nurses," by H. C. Rutherford Darling, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. (Seventh Edition); "Food Values at a Glance," by V. G. Plimmer; "Cancer: Its Cause, Prevention and Cure," by Edward Henty Smalpage, M.B., Ch.M.(Syd.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.); "A General Textbook of Nursing," by Evelyn C. Pearce, S.R.N., R.F.N., S.C.M.; "Cancer," by Gustave Roussy, translated by Kenneth Elliott, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S.

F.R.C.P., and John de Swiet, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.; "Midwifery," Principles and Practice for Pupil-Midwives, Teacher-Midwives and Obstetric Dressers, by R. Christie Brown, M.B., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., and Barton Gilbert, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., Infants' Section, by Richard H. Dobbs, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P.; "War and the Doctor," Essays on the Immediate Treatment of War Wounds, edited by J. M. Mackintosh, M.D.; "The Pocket Book of First Aid in Accidents and Air Raids" (including "Chemical Warfare"), by E. M. Cowell, D.S.O., T.D., D.S., M.D., F.R.C.S.(Eng.), Colonel, A.M.S.T.; "Roller and Triangular Bandaging," by Mary Farnworth, S.R.N.; "Home Nursing for Everybody," by Dais E. Webb.

The addition of these valuable up-to-date works to the lending Library has been possible through the kindness of the publishers and THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. They have not cost the finances of the College one penny.

In this connection, we wonder if any member of the College has any spare time to help with the covering of new books—green linen has always been used—also the bookplate needs pasting in, and this work takes time.

WHAT SACRIFICES ARE WE MAKING?

For the past six months the clerical staff have found time to knit lovely gifts for the Navy—dark blue vests, fingerless gloves and scarves—and these, as finished, are sent to The Navy Comforts Depot, 11A, West Halkin Street, London, S.W., where they are greatly valued. Most of these gifts have been knitted in the train coming on and off duty, and have been paid for by the grateful knitters and friends—who realise their debt to the gallant men and boys who guard us night and day and keep us fed.

Are we women sufficiently grateful to the fighting forces? If so, what *sacrifices* are we making on their behalf? What gifts have we sent to the Western Front and to the hospitals at home?

"If you ask me," writes one invalid, "a change of food is very grateful—tinned fruits, 'gentleman's relish,' cheese biscuits, cigarettes, picture papers, and a few serious books—of detective stories we get abundance."

So there it is, just determine what you can deny yourself so that "the boys" may benefit.

STOCKINGS FOR THE FLEET.

We hope every woman is eager to show her gratitude to the Fleet, and this she can do by knitting stockings for them, not altogether a pleasant pastime.

Lady Backhouse, widow of Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse, who is in charge of the West Halkin Street depot for knitted garments for men of the Royal Navy, has appealed for sea boot stockings.

You require 1 lb. natural oiled wool or A B B three-ply wool and No. 7 needles. These stockings are worn over socks and trousers and under sea boots, so they must be wide enough. Leg, 28 in.; foot, 11 to 12 in.

Any number can be used, and as they take time begin the good work this very day.

MAGIC FINGERS.

We often have the pleasure of sitting opposite a lady at the R.B.N.A. Club whose magic fingers have already knitted upwards of fifty Balaclava helmets for the use of the troops, the most valued of gifts. We believe she could knit these real comforts in her sleep. She looks around quite unperturbed; the needles flash in and out, and lo and behold! another message of good will speeds on its way.

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