

### A GIFT TO THE HISTORY SECTION OF THE COLLEGE.

One of the most valuable Sections of the work of the College has for many years been that of the History Section, which under the control of Miss A. M. Bushby accumulated items of the greatest interest. Alas! in the present crisis these instructive and valuable possessions have disappeared from view—let us hope to re-appear intact. Recently we reported the invaluable gift of the late Sister Catherine Pine of the Medal, Bars and Ribbons bestowed upon her for skilled nursing services by the late Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, social reformer and martyr.

This good example has been followed by Miss Jessie Holmes, S.R.N., who has sent the College a multiple gift of historic value.

Miss Holmes, now over 70, can look back upon her varied nursing career of many years with pride and pleasure. Indeed, those of us who rejoice to have been instruments of health and healing for half a century, and who have taken part in the organisation of the Nursing Profession, feel that whatever our fate we have not lived in vain.

That we have gathered some appreciative recognition, and gifts by the way is consolation for a few nasty knocks, and that Miss Holmes has sent the College the very beautiful album presented to her in grateful recognition of her kindness to the sick children during the height of a terrible outbreak of enteric fever at Linton in 1890, is deeply appreciated. The presentation was made by the Vicar with all due solemnity, who expressed the gratitude of relatives, not one case nursed by Miss Holmes having died. By and by, when time permits, this album should be filled with photographs of nurses of the past, those wonderful women who gave their all and loved doing it.

Miss Holmes saw active nursing service abroad in the Great War for which she has received recognition, and we are told that her medals, silver presentation cup and watch are left to the College.

Amongst the mementoes she has forwarded for inspection is a photograph of a group of "aristocrats," lovely people, "gone with the wind." In one we find the great Disraeli, looking young and handsome, with him Lord Rowton, Lord Pembroke, the Earl and Countess of Bradford, and Lord and Lady Wharnclyffe. These lovely people are gracefully grouped in a garden. One wonders where are the milliners and tailors who in past decades enhanced such dignity and grace. But make no mistake about it, these were the people who made England great; as their ancestors had done from generation to generation, they were in the

forefront of every battle in the East and in the West, their dauntless blood has enriched great peoples, and watered pastures and desert sands. This photograph must have a place of honour in the "Jessie Holmes Album"—together with her own which we reproduce showing her as a Private Nurse forty years ago, having just added to her qualifications the certificate of the L. O. S. soon to be superseded by the Midwives' Certificate and the qualifications of the Central Midwives Board.

### BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

"A Handbook for Industrial Nurses," by Marion M. West, S.R.N., S.C.M.; "War-Time Nurse," by J. M. Mackintosh, M.D., D.P.H.; "Anatomy and Physiology for Junior Nurses," by Félicie Norton, S.R.N.; "Medical Handbook for Nurses," by I. Stewart, S.R.N.; "General Nursing Questions and Answers," by Doris Tayler, S.R.N., S.C.M.; "Model Answers for the Preliminary Nursing Examination," by Hector Macphail; "Materia Medica and Pharmacology for Nurses," by Gwendolen Hindes, M.Sc.; "A General Text Book of Nursing," by Evelyn C. Pearce, S.R.N.; "Law for Nurses and Nurse Administrators," by S. R. Speller, LL.B.; "Mental Nursing Final Examination Questions and Answers," by Hector Macphail; "Psychology and Mental Disorders for Nurses," by J. W. Fisher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.P.M.; "The Nursing Couple," by Merrell P. Middlemore, M.D.; "Mothercraft," by M. Truby King; "Medical and Nursing Dictionary," by Evelyn C. Pearce, S.R.N.; "Principal Drugs and Their Uses," by A. L. Morton; "Instruments, Appliances and Theatre Technique," by Evelyn C. Pearce, S.R.N.; "Food Values in War-Time," by Violet G. Plimmer, M.D., M.S.

These useful books can be requisitioned by Fellows and Members on call or through the post.



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A Trained Nurse at the turn of the Century.

### GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS.

To wish a Happy Christmas in these days clouded for many with tragic loss and grief, has not been possible. The Matron-in-Chief and all members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. and the T.A.N.S., send us the following kind and appropriate message:—

"May this Christmastime be Blessed and Calm, and Courage fill every day of the New Year."

*Steer straight ahead—with courage steer  
Into the bright and cloudy year,  
For he who goes where God doth guide  
Fears neither foe nor wind nor tide.*

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