

Miss Dock, who arrived with an armful of pink roses for her Japanese friends, that Miss Linda Richards, one of the first graduate nurses of this country, undertook to train some Japanese women as nurses. She began her work in a small mission hospital and it was not popular with the Government at first. Later they awoke to its importance and studied systems of training nurses in the United States, France and England, put up pictures of Florence Nightingale in their hospitals, and established a fine three years' course of training. When the War with China broke out Japan sent a corps of finely trained women nurses to the front. Again in the war with Russia they distinguished themselves. Before that time no one had realised what a fine system of nurses and doctors the little tea-garden country possessed, and when the United States sent over a big squad of them they were really superfluous.

"Japanese nurses, however, do not go about independently on private cases, as they do in this country. They are carefully protected and chaperoned, and are directly under the supervision of the Government. Now, however, there is a movement on foot to establish district nursing among the poor."

The Japanese delegates form a most picturesque and charming addition to the gatherings of the International Council of Nurses, and were quite the "pets" of the great Congresses of London and Cologne.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

In connection with the above a course of lectures is being arranged, to be held in the Nurses' Club, Bold Street, Liverpool, the first of which was held on January 21st.

Dr. Nevins was the lecturer, and took for his subject "Tuberculosis."

The next lecture took place on February 3rd, when Dr. Vera Foley lectured on "Venereal Disease as it affects Women."

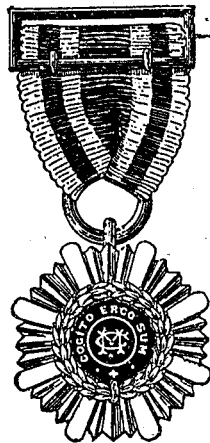
The first annual business meeting was held on January 27th at the Nurses' Club. Miss Drysdale presided, and the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer submitted their reports, both of which were highly satisfactory. The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Miss Golding and Miss Lee in place of two resigned.

Owing to Territorial work, Miss Leigh Clare resigned her post as Hon. Treasurer, and it was accepted with much regret by all present. The committee has been fortunate in securing Miss Bramwell, Eye and Ear Infirmary, to take her place.

The Nurses' Club is now open daily, and all members of the Branch are eligible for membership. It is very cosy and comfortable, and an ideal place to spend two hours off duty on a wet day or to meet friends.

M. M. TIPPER, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, January 29th; in the unavoidable, and much-regretted, absence of the President, Miss M. Heather-Bigg, through indisposition, the chair was taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. In spite of the many claims upon all Matrons just now, there was an excellent attendance of members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Miss A. E. Hulme, the Hon. Secretary, reported letters and messages of regret at inability to attend from a large number of members.

One member who was unable to attend, as the institution of which she is Matron is at present full of wounded soldiers, brought before the Council "the habit of too many Sisters and nurses of accepting 'souvenirs' from their soldier patients." In this connection she wrote: "Several times I have heard men say regretfully that they had a 'souvenir' brought from Belgium or France, and that the Sister in such and such a hospital had asked for it. It seems to me most unfair. The men are generous to a degree, but it is not fair to take advantage of their generosity. By the time they reach their own friends there is hardly a thing left in their possession. I have even known of one Highlander whose kilt was asked for so often that at last he gave it to his nurse."

Miss Mollett remarked that she knew of a nurse whose League Badge was such an object of envy that a soldier patient insisted upon keeping it—no doubt as a souvenir.

Miss Hulme also reported that the resolution passed at the last meeting in reference to the suicide of Miss Charlotte Phipps, Superintendent Nurse at the Barnet Workhouse, expressing the opinion that the anomalous position of a Superintendent Nurse, as defined in the Orders of the Local Government Board, was primarily responsible for the tragedy, had been forwarded to the Local Government Board and the Barnet Board of Guardians, and

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