

with one another. She had loved the R.B.N.A., and, as one of its oldest Members, urged her young hostesses to be "steadfast and true" to it always, and all would be well with the nursing profession.

Mr. Price, on behalf of Her Royal Highness, thanked the members present for their message of loyalty, and, in speaking of the Benevolent Schemes, very strongly urged the nurses to take an active part in developing these themselves. In this connection he referred to the splendid manner in which the military nurses were doing so, and expressed the hope that the civil nurses would soon follow this example by taking a very active part in developing their own Benevolent Funds. His hope was that all the Benevolent Funds of the Nursing Profession would ultimately be self-supporting.

A Member of the Princess Christian Settlement Home then spoke, saying that she felt she could not leave without saying something of her appreciation of the kindness of her fellow-Members of the R.B.N.A. in maintaining such a nice Home. "My room there has been my greatest joy."

Old and younger nurses exchanged hospital reminiscences, and told many amusing stories of their experiences. One nurse "told fortunes," as only a nurse can, with teacups and cards. "The Astronomer" from the Settlement Home, an old nurse of Lord Lister's, gave an interesting little lecture on astronomy, and told of comparisons made by herself and Professor Ball, when, on retiring from nursing work between the ages of sixty and seventy, she invested some of her savings in a fine telescope and boldly started the study of astronomy. Mrs. Price won her heart immediately by promising to visit the Settlement Home one afternoon in order to participate in astronomical investigations!

The little gathering broke up with warm feelings of good will between those who were, many of them, pioneers of the nursing profession, and others who are doing their best to uphold its great traditions and promote higher educational standards and professional organisation.

LECTURES.

In accordance with the request of a number of Members of the Association the Executive Committee are arranging a course of lectures on lines very similar to those given last winter. Some who, on the afternoon of 25th inst., had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Price Bell lecture in the Hall of Bedford College, will learn with pleasure that he has undertaken to give a lecture for the Association also. His beautiful thoughts were clothed in beautiful language, in words prophetic of a grand new world freedom, of the liberty and possibilities for the individual which would arise yet out of the great world struggle. This brilliant American speaks with the force and clearness characteristic of his nation, and we look forward with no small degree of pleasure to his lecture at

11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on December 5th, on "America and the New World Order."

On December 19th Miss Annette M. B. Meakin, F.R.G.S., will lecture on "Bokhara and Samarkand." She is the only traveller who has studied the women of these countries in their own homes. Later Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, F.R.C.S., will lecture on "Scottish Wit and Humour," and Professor Flinders Petrie on "Ten Thousand Years of Civilization." Professor Selwyn Image (Slade Professor of Modern Art) has also promised to lecture, but we have not yet been informed as to the subject on which he will speak. It is proposed that the lectures shall be given on alternate Thursdays, and nurses who wish to attend should notify the Secretary, who will have pleasure in forwarding to them the syllabus when this is complete.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Mrs. Mary Hopkins. She was one of the earliest Members of the Association, and well known to large numbers of our Members, as she and her sister, Miss Hatton, have rarely been absent from its General Meetings.

On hearing of the death of Mrs. Hopkins, Her Royal Highness the President graciously telephoned her commands that a message be sent to Miss Hatton expressing the sorrow of Her Royal Highness and her heartfelt sympathy with Miss Hatton in her irreparable loss. Young Members of the Association have united with those who joined the Association in earlier days in sending to Miss Hatton expressions of deep sympathy.

DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks donations from the following to the Fund for State Registration:—

First List.—Per Miss Daisy Hobbs, £5 5s.; Dr. Clarke, £1 1s.; Mrs. Lawson, £1 1s.; Miss Gordon Brown, £1; A. Britten, 10s. 6d.; per Miss Spearing, 9s.; Miss Bosworth, 5s.; Miss Mercer, 5s.; Miss Morgan, 5s.; Miss Owen, 5s.; Miss Puley, 5s.; Miss Crumpler, 5s.; Miss Fowler, 2s. 6d.; and Mrs. Moorhead, 5s.

Second List.—Per Miss Wallis, £1 2s. 6d.; Nursing Staff, Isleworth Infirmary, per Miss Davis, 14s. 9d.; Nursing Staff, Princess Christian Hospital, Englefield Green, per Miss Sumner, 13s. 6d.; Miss Talbot, 10s. 6d.; Miss Blizzard, 10s.; Miss Terry, 10s.; Miss Vidler, 10s.; Mrs. Lyster, 1s.

Application forms for Registration (5s.), Membership (Annual, 5s.; Life, £2 2s.), and the badge of the Corporation (4s.), can be obtained from the office of the Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

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