

a long list of tortured, violated and executed Sisters, all their crime lying solely in the fact that they helped everybody without distinction of parties. This was sufficient for them to be considered as counter-revolutionary and shot. Many of these Sisters are languishing in the Soviet prisons and deprived of the possibility of finding a solace in serving their neighbour, and thus forgetting all the horror of the time in which we live.

Some of the Sisterhoods have managed to keep intact, but it is the kingdom of hunger, of cold in winter; and in these conditions the Sisters, loyal to their duty, continue to work. We have the names of those who are in prison, but we are impotent to help them. A name imprudently pronounced aloud is sufficient to bring on still worse conditions of life, and maybe, even death, for those who have remained in Russia.

The Russian Sisters abroad have organised themselves at present into a "Union of Russian Nursing Sisters Abroad." It is in the name of this Union that we appeal to all the Sisters of Western Europe who do not know the horrors of Bolshevism—with an ardent prayer of assistance.

Come to the help of the Russian Sisters. Do not let those definitely perish who have been able to seek refuge in Europe; help them to sustain their forces, to acquire knowledge and prepare for their future work in Russia.

But our most ardent appeal is to lend your help and assistance to those whom we are unable to help ourselves! Help those who have remained in Russia! International organizations may be able to obtain an alleviation of their fate. The Sisters who are in prison must be released. The International Organization must send its representatives to examine the situation of Russian Sisterhoods and their conditions of life and work on the spot. The assistance of all the International Organizations of Sisters of Nursing must be organized, if even in the form of alimentary parcels, which will sustain the health and forces and preserve the life of many Sisters in Russia.

We firmly believe that the Sisters of Western Europe will not remain indifferent to the fate of their Russian Sisters, and will respond to our appeal by that feeling of Christian love which unites the Sisters of the whole world.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER-CRAFT TRAINING SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Mothercraft Training Society was held on Monday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m., at 43, Charles Street, Berkeley Square (by kind permission of the Hon. Mrs. R. N. Macdonald).

The President, H.R.H. Princess Christian, honoured the Society by being present on this occasion, and, in addition to the members of the Executive Committee, there was a large gathering of friends interested in the work.

The Lady Dawson of Penn, in proposing the adoption of the new Report, spoke of the great regret the Society felt at the resignation of its Chairman, Sir Alexander Roger, who had done such splendid service for the cause. Lady Dawson said, however, that since it was quite impossible for Sir Alexander to continue his work for both the Central Council for Infant and Child Welfare and for the Mothercraft Training Society, the Committee realised that the claims of the Central Council stood first. She congratulated the Society on their choice of a new Chairman in Lady Galway.

Lady Dawson went on to speak of the financial side of the work. After conveying the good news that the Ministry of Health had made a grant for the current year of £1,015 16s. 7d., she went on to point out that the past year's accounts showed an excess of expenditure over income of £262 19s. 11d., and that the total donations and subscriptions showed a falling-off of over £300 from the previous year. This meant that a great effort must be made to increase the number of subscribers and donors, and particularly of the former, since their contributions formed a certain annual income.

Before concluding, Lady Dawson also spoke of the serious problem that confronted the Society in the expiration of the lease at the end of 1923, and said that even if it were possible to renew the lease the present premises were old and in constant need of repair, and were already too small for present needs, to say nothing about future expansion.

Dr. Reginald Jewesbury, the Hon. Director of the Society, supported Lady Dawson in proposing the adoption of the Report, and went on to speak of the medical side of the work. He referred to the large increase of out-patients, the average attendance for one month, as quoted in the Report, being 207, as against 101 for the same month last year. The Doctor also said that the demand for the Society's nurses far exceeded the supply, so that he fully endorsed all that Lady Dawson had said about the need for larger premises.

The Report was then unanimously adopted.

Mrs. J. S. Fairbairn proposed that the following retiring members of the Executive Committee should be re-elected:—The Lady Victoria Braithwaite, the Lady Dawson of Penn, Miss Winifride Wrench, and Mr. E. R. Peacock.

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