

that up to date £797 17s. had been received towards the invested fund. Although that result seemed small when the object was such a good one, it had to be borne in mind that many of the war funds still remained open throughout Scotland, and that these and other claims appealed strongly to the public during the past year. The Council were pleased to think that the sum aimed at in Scotland by Mrs. Chamberlain for her invested fund had been reached, and it was hoped that most of those who had been donors to the fund would become annual subscribers to the Scottish branch of small amounts towards the general funds of the Association. The ordinary annual subscriptions and donations only amounted to £26 5s., but it was hoped that next year that total would be appreciably increased. On the motion of the president, seconded by Miss Louisa Stevenson, the report was approved.

The President next moved, and Colonel Man Stuart seconded, that the following be appointed the Executive Committee:—Lady Balfour of Burleigh, the Hon. Mr. Balfour, Dr. Barbour, Lady Chalmers, Mrs. Oliver Riddell, Miss Louisa Stevenson, Miss Flora C. Stevenson, Colonel Man Stuart, Lady Mitchell Thomson, Professor Sir William Turner, and Mr. A. A. Gordon. It was agreed on the motion of the president, seconded by Lady Chalmers, that sub-branches of the Association be formed in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, and Perth. A strong desire was expressed by those present that there should be a larger number of applications from nurses, and it was intimated that colonial nurses would be paid not less than £60 per annum, with board and lodging, and that the salaries for hospital appointments varied from £70 to £150. On the motion of Miss Flora Stevenson, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Lady Balfour for presiding.

An interesting lecture on The X Rays was given last week at the Dublin Nurses' Club, by Dr. R. Lane Joynt, which was illustrated by lantern slides. There were a large number of members present, who, at the close of the evening accorded a very hearty vote of thanks to the able lecturer.

The *Daily Graphic* touches on a most interesting development of veldt gardens in military hospital camps, and presents two fascinating pictures of an Army Sister standing before a tent surveying the results of her horticultural labours, surrounded with plants and flowers all a growing and a blowing. Says the *Graphic*:—

"Promise of a brighter outlook for our sick and wounded soldiers in the South African Military Hospitals is held out as a result of the experiments in

cultivation recently made by a nursing sister at the front; and if the sympathy and interest of the public at home takes a practical form, before long the dull expanse of veldt which now surrounds the hospital tents will be transformed into picturesque flower gardens. Much of the credit due to so valuable a change is due to Nursing Sister Natali Ferreira, who, by her skilful gardening at the No. 7 General Hospital, near Pretoria, has proved what can be done. The gardens surrounding this hospital are of two kinds—for flowers and for vegetables. In the one, sunflowers, cornflowers, roses, mignonette, carnations, phlox, cosmos, verbenas, portulaca, and zinnias, have already flourished; while in the other, tomatoes, vegetable marrows, pumpkins, cucumbers, lettuces, peas, beans, and herbs have been produced. The veldt gardener has a very vicious enemy in the white ant, and some of the plants are potted out in paraffin cans for protection. These cans are constantly supplied to the sister by the soldiers in the armoured trains patrolling the line in the neighbourhood of the hospital. The military authorities at home and in Africa, including Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, have shown interest in this successful experiment, and appeals for seeds have been made in order that other hospitals, and the block-houses too, may soon each have its own flower and vegetable gardens. The flowers will, of course, materially brighten the sick tents, and the value of a constant supply of fresh vegetables in the hospital camps cannot be over-estimated. Already response to the appeal for seeds has been made, but Sister Ferreira, who has undertaken the charge of the gardens, and others who are following her example, will be glad of further gifts, both in the shape of seeds and gardening implements."

The annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada was held at the Government House, Ottawa, on March 13th, at which the Governor General, the Earl of Minto, presided. Lady Minto was also present. Miss Macleod, general superintendent of the Order, in her report, stated that on December 31st there were 37 regular nurses in connection with the work, and nine probationers. During the year 17 nurses had joined, eight had resigned, three to be married, three on account of ill health, and two to take other positions. Dr. Gibson read the report of the honorary secretaries, the most important announcement being that Lady Minto had raised, almost by her own unaided efforts, the sum of \$25,000 for the Lady Minto Cottage Hospital fund, and she was re-elected Hon. President.

The report of the honorary treasurers, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. J. M. Courtney, shows in the central fund there was a balance, February 1st, 1901, of \$1,717.77; balance, February 1st, 1902, \$1,078.38; total receipts in year, \$1,562.77; total expenditure, \$2,202.16; Lady Minto hospital fund receipts, \$24,953; expenditure, \$6,854; provincial grants, receipts, \$2,900; expenditure, \$2,900; local association and district committees' expenditure, \$37,579; balance, \$10,369.

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