

scent of the pines, and the breath of the hedge-row flowers.

In the winter, there are the bare leafless trees, but full of beauty all their own. Who has not experienced a thrill of pleasure, in walking along an avenue of big, branchy, twiggy trees, with the sun shining brightly out of a clear blue sky overhead—one looks up, and sees the sky stamped with lovely black irregular tracery.

Assuming that everyone admires such things, and undoubtedly they do, either consciously or unconsciously, it is impossible to return from one's walk, without feeling that there are compensations, even in the topsy turvy life of a night nurse.

BEATRICE KENT.

Irish Nursing Notes.

KING EDWARD VII.'S CORONATION NATIONAL FUND FOR NURSES IN IRELAND.

The quarterly meeting of the above Society was held at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 9th inst.

Andrew Beattie, Esq., D.L., presided. There were also present: Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., Sir William Thomson, C.B., M.D., Marcus Tertius Moses, Esq., J.P., Miss Lamont, Lady Superintendent, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, Miss Powell, Lady Superintendent, Charlemont Private Hospital, Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Miss K. Balfe, Hon. Secretary, and Miss E. Cherry, Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July were read and confirmed. The Hon. Treasurer's report was read and confirmed. The following hon. officers were re-appointed: Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B., and Marcus Tertius Moses, Esq., hon. treasurers; Miss Kathleen Balfe and Richard Dowse, Esq., hon. secretaries. After the transaction of other business the Council adjourned.

Nurses requiring information regarding the Society are requested to apply to the Secretary, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

PATRIOTIC CANADA.

The Editorial Board of the *Canadian Nurse* have, says that Journal, volunteered in a body for service in the Canadian Army Nursing Reserve, and our readers are aware that the Canadian Society of Superintendents have taken the same patriotic action. Our contemporary confidently expects that many nurses will follow these inspiring examples.

Nurses' Missionary League.

FAREWELL MEETING.

At the evening meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League last week, held at University Hall, W.C., the chair was taken by Miss Fairfield, Chairwoman of the N.M.L. Executive Committee. The first speaker was Dr. Cook of Uganda, who came in his wife's stead. He began by drawing some vivid contrasts between the treatment received by native patients in their own homes in Uganda, and that provided by the C.M.S. Hospital at Mengo, with its 120 beds. The natives have no ideas about nursing sanitation, and in one case he had treated a dying man in a hut, whose door was only 18 inches high, there being no other entrance for light or air! The staff of English Nurses at the Hospital only numbers four, and for the rest they have to rely on native help. At first it was impossible to get this, but after a time, one boy who had been cured as a patient, offered his services, and he is now a most efficient dresser. It is very difficult to teach these boys, especially in matters of aseptic treatment. Dr. Cook had once found a boy, after some months' training, cleaning some delicate instruments by spitting on them and wiping them on a dirty loincloth. The girls are even more difficult, for they all marry fairly young, and leave the Hospital when just beginning to be efficient. Both boys and girls are making great progress, however, and are becoming really useful helpers. Dr. Cook closed with an earnest appeal for more nurses to take up work in the Mission Hospitals abroad.

The next speaker was Mr. Garfield Williams, London Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, who spoke of his experiences in the Far East as a delegate to the Tokyo Conference of the World's Student Christian Federation. He spoke of the need of absolute faith and trust in the power of God on the part of all who go to work in the foreign field, saying that the greatest necessity for a missionary is a great passion for souls. He concluded by drawing attention to the present unique opportunity in the Far East, where China, Japan and India are passing through such rapid changes that the opportunity may soon be passed.

Farewell messages were then given by two sailing members of the N.M.L., Miss E. Giles, trained at "King's College" Hospital, who is going to Sanyong, China; and Miss M. Wade, trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, and proceeding to Dohnavur, S. India. The latter explained that her work was to be among the children at Miss Amy Wilson-Carmichael's Home. These children are "Temple Children," i.e., they have been sold or given by their parents to the women about the Temples, and they are brought up to lives of terrible immorality. The Home has done much to rescue them, for though it has only existed about four years, it now has about 40 children. The closing address was given by Miss K. Miller, Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League.

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