

called for a revision of the regulations. Henceforth it is hoped the Society will be more free to help younger nurses who become incapacitated, as those who are superannuated will be able to claim pensions under the Act. The Council records its deep regret at the death of Lord Glenesk, a trustee of the fund for the past ten years. Having in view the expense whenever a new trustee had to be appointed, and the difficulty of finding persons willing to undertake the responsibility, the Public Trustee Act has now been adopted, and the rules revised to meet the change. The custodian trustee will in future be Messrs. Coutts and Co., who are duly authorised by the Public Trustee and have been the bankers of the Society for many years. All the annuities are derived from the interest on invested funds, so that they are absolutely secure. £500 is required to create an annuity, and besides those paid from the general funds there are now three memorial annuities, "The Albany," "The Lady Bloomfield," and "The Prince Christian Victor. The Hon. Secretary of the Fund is Dr. Ogier Ward, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Work in a hospital ward, interesting and fascinating as it is to those who engage in it, would become a trifle monotonous, not to say depressing, were it not for the kindly efforts on the part of the authorities, to provide from time to time, entertainment for the nurses and their friends.

Such a successful effort was made by Miss Hoadley, the Matron of the London Homœopathic Hospital, on Monday night, February 22nd. The Board Room made an admirable theatre, with a stage draped in crimson, decorated with tall waving ferns. From 7.30 to 8 o'clock a continual stream of visitors kept arriving, until every seat in the serried lines of chairs was taken. The evening dresses of the visitors, combined with the *cap and gown* of the Sisters and nurses, made an effective mosaic of colour!

Mr. Harrison Hill, D.P.H. (Doctor of Polite Humour), must have put forth his best efforts. A most wittily written programme gave promise of a charming entertainment, which was amply justified by results, his clever musical parodies being especially appreciated.

"*Similia Similibus Curantur*" (Like cures like), the motto and principle of Homœopathy, was carved in oak over the door. Mr. Hill's impromptu adaptation of this into a parody put the room into a roar of laughter.

A variation in the entertainment was supplied by eight young nurses, who danced with grace and realism a minuet in the dress of the 18th century, and an Irish dance.

At the close of the first part of the entertainment, Mr. Caird, Chairman of the House Committee, presented prizes to Nurses Charter, Collins, Ward, and Hurst, with a few appropriate remarks.

Several of the Sisters were conspicuous by their silver badges, which they are awarded after five years' service, every additional five years is marked by a bar. One of the Sisters I was told had been there 26 years.

One could not help being struck by the look of freshness and vigour on the faces of all the nurses. No one looked tired or overworked. Fine testimony to the prevailing management.

Nurses' Missionary League.

A week-end Conference of members of the Nurses' Missionary League was held from January 20th to 22nd, at the C.I.M. House, Newington Green. On Saturday morning, when about twenty nurses were present, two short addresses were given. Miss Cable, of Northern China, spoke about the "Volunteer declaration," "It is my purpose if God permit to become a foreign missionary," showing how the use of the declaration may be a power in the life of the volunteer, and in helping to bring the claims of foreign missions before others. Miss M. E. Wakefield then spoke about prayer, mainly dwelling upon its subjective power upon the one who prays.

At the evening meeting about 25 nurses were present, and the time was spent in discussing possible methods of arranging meetings for Bible study within the various hospitals.

On Sunday only one meeting was held, at which an address was given on the Lord's Prayer.

The attendances on Monday were somewhat small, probably owing to the fog. The morning gathering was mainly devoted to discussion on Bible study; while in the evening a strong Missionary address was given by Dr. Emmeline Stuart of Persia. She told about her 12 years of work in Isfahan, specially contrasting the early days when she had no helpers at all except one Armenian girl, with the later times when she had a trained nurse and several native assistants to help her. She also dwelt upon the terrible sufferings of the women in Persia due largely to the ignorance and cruel treatment of the native doctors, and also to the very early age at which girls are married. She closed with a most earnest appeal to all present to face individually the call to foreign mission work. The meeting closed with a short farewell message from Miss K. Miller, formerly Secretary of the League, who is just about to go to work in India.

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