

before the grand buffet, the Lady Mayoress, with clear and charming diction, welcomed the nurses enrolled in the Territorial Force Service. She said no one would deny that the twentieth century had given women an opportunity of coming forward in almost every branch of social effort, while women had shown that they were capable of rendering great service to the nation. The sex was coming to the fore in all branches of English society, and there was hardly any aspect of useful service that was not rendered by women. "The reason of that, I think," she continued, "is to be found in the fact that our fathers, husbands, and brothers are so busy earning money for our well-being and comfort that they have not the time themselves to devote to philanthropy and other phases of social work." She thought women should be very careful of their next steps, and she would advise consultation with fathers, husbands, and brothers, who might not themselves be able to do the things needed, but could assist with their counsel. In this way two halves would make a perfect whole. In conclusion, she wished them all success in life as good women doing good work, embodying that spirit with which our beloved country is safe from every kind of danger that could threaten her.

The courtesy and kindness of their reception at the Mansion House was evidently very gratifying to London's Volunteer Corps of Nurses, to judge from the happy hum of conversation to be heard on all sides.

THE FIRST CANADIAN NURSE.

Born in 1606 in Nogent-le-Roi, in France, the first Canadian nurse came to Canada with M. Maisonneuve and his forty men, we learn from the *Canadian Nurse*, having been assured by her spiritual advisers in Paris that her vocation lay in the work of a nurse in Canada. She was then 34 years of age, and as Mme. de Bullion had given 42,000 livres to establish a hospital on the Island of Montreal, all those interested in the new colony realised that a good Superintendent for the Hospital was the first necessity, and Mlle. Mance, with the courage of her soldier ancestors, came out to Canada for this purpose. Several times she returned to France, but these were only short visits. Her work in Canada was her life. She died in Montreal in 1673, and her heart, enclosed in a crystal case, was preserved in the convent chapel. A monument to her has just been unveiled. It stands opposite to the entrance to the Hospital Hotel-Dieu.

A portrait and a charming account of her work are published in "A History of Nursing," by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock.

Lady Minto's Nursing Association.

Mrs. J. B. Davies, Chief Lady Superintendent of Lady Minto's Nursing Association, in her report, presented to a meeting of the Central Committee held at the Viceregal Lodge, Calcutta, on September 13th, at which her Excellency the Countess of Minto presided, mentioned amongst other features denoting progress that through the kindness of the Railway Board a first class pass has been granted to the Chief Lady Superintendent of the North-Western Railway, the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, the Eastern Bengal State Railway, the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India, and the Tezpur-Balipur Railways. An equally generous reply from other companies is anticipated.

Three English trained Sisters have been engaged in India to supply vacancies caused by resignation, and an additional nurse will shortly be added to the Punjab staff.

The resignations of two Sisters have been received, one due to the Sister's appointment to the Matronship of the Civil Hospital at Moultmein, and that of the second to her approaching marriage.

In connection with the Rajputana Branch it has been decided that one nurse shall be allotted to subscribers, one for railway cases—the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway agreeing to pay half the salary of the nurse and a share of her expenses in the home—and one to either subscribers or railway employes as necessity arises. The local committee of the Rajputana branch have requested that at least two shall hold a midwifery diploma.

In connection with the Burma Branch it is noted with regret that Miss Stapeley, who only left England last November, and proceeded direct to Rangoon, has been very ill, and her transference without delay to one of the Homes in the Hills is recommended.

It is hoped shortly to establish a branch of the Association in the Province of Bengal, next March being mentioned as the probable date.

As it appeared likely that the assistance hitherto given by the Provincial Government towards the upkeep and maintenance of Lady Ampthill's Nursing Institute, Madras, was likely to be withdrawn, and there was a possibility of the Institute being closed, or its work curtailed, her Excellency the President and the Central Committee decided to place at the disposal of the Provincial Committee the sum of 5,000 rupees, with the promise that it should be repeated each year as long as the Indian Nursing Association continues to receive its Government grant.

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