

Nursing Echoes.



By the courtesy of the Committee of Management of the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, and by invitation of the Matron, Miss Carpenter Turner, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will hold its next meeting at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, early in July.

In addition to placing a room at the disposal of the Council for their meeting, the Committee have the kindness to invite the members to tea and supper, an invitation and token of good-will which will be greatly appreciated by them. The historic City of Winchester, with its glorious Cathedral and its far-famed Hospital of St. Cross, has numberless features of interest to visitors, and the view from the nurses' sitting room at the County Hospital, including the Cathedral, and St. Cross, set like jewels in a beautiful plain of one of England's fairest counties, stretching right away to the English Channel, is probably unsurpassed by that from any hospital in the Kingdom.

Miss K. M. Mackenzie, Matron-elect of the Dunedin Hospital, will leave London by the Orient line on June 9th for New Zealand, and hopes to reach her destination about the middle of July. Miss Mackenzie thoroughly realises her good fortune in having been selected for this very desirable post, and is looking forward to her work in this beautiful and progressive Dominion.

The *St. John's House News* just issued, and always well edited, contains many interesting items, including a letter from the late President, Sister Charlotte, C.S.P., who has now settled down at St. Peter's Memorial Home at Woking, and is always pleased to see any of her friends in the nursing world.

The *News* also contains a portrait of the new President, Miss Laura Baker, reproduced from this journal.

The annual meeting of the King Edward's Coronation Fund for Nurses was held last week in the Royal College of Surgeons, Stephen's Green, Dublin. The Countess of Aberdeen presided. Sir Andrew Reed, Hon. Treasurer, read the seventh annual report, which stated:—The Council are glad to be able to state that the Society is in a satisfactory

condition, and shows fair progress. In a quiet way it is doing good work. Sixty nurses have joined the Society since the last report, made in May, 1910. The number of nurses who are registered members of the Society are 185, being an increase of 43 over the number registered last year. Thirteen members applied and received help from the Society since the last general meeting, May, 1910. The sums granted varied from £5 to £10, making a total sum of £107. The total of the grants of the previous year was £62. The balance-sheet shows the financial condition of the Society, with a balance to the credit of its current account in bank and in hand of £9 3s. 11d. The capital of the Society, which is invested in the names of the three trustees (Sir James Murphy, Bart., Andrew Beattie, Esq., D.L., and William Fry, Esq., J.P.), now consists of £5,034 9s. 6d., of Midland Railway (England) Debenture (2½ per cent.) Stock, which cost £4,003 15s. 10d. It should not be forgotten that this Society is solely a Benevolent Fund, and that it could not possibly be entirely maintained by the interest on the capital invested added to the small subscriptions (2s. 6d. yearly) paid by the members. As the members increase in number, as time advances, a larger number will require help.

The President of the Royal College of Surgeons, of Ireland, in moving the adoption of the report, laid stress on the fact that at present the nursing profession "has been much over-worked and underpaid." The following ten members were elected on to the Council: Miss Kelly (Lady Superintendent), Steevens' Hospital), Miss M'Donnell, R.R.C.; Mr. James Crozier, T.C., J.P.; Sir Francis R. Cruise, M.D.; Mr. Marcus Tertius Moses, J.P.; Sir Christopher Nixon, Bart.; Mr. T. A. O'Farrell, J.P.; Sir Lambert Ormsby, M.D.; Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B.; and Sir Wm. Watson, D.L. As the result of the ballot the following five ladies were declared to be the representatives of the nurses:—Miss Powell, Miss M'Givney, Miss Butler, Miss Mullaly, and Miss Colvin.

The Memorial to the late Isabel Hampton Robb is being widely supported by the Nurses' Societies in America. Already they have contributed upwards of four thousand dollars, and hope to make it ten thousand. The Memorial is to take an educational form, as it was for the higher education of nurses and the uplifting of the whole profession, for which this noble woman gave so unsparingly of her genius during life.

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