

Cross service, the French Minister of War has signified his intention of naming the military hospital at Rabat the "Marie Feuillet." Mme. Feuillet was chief of the staff of women nurses of L'Union des Femmes de France, and best known of all France's field nurses. In recognition of her services in war areas of Northern Africa, and the help she rendered in organising the nurses' expedition to Messina, she was this summer admitted to the Legion of Honour. Up to within a short time of her death, in spite of her own ill-health, she was actively engaged in nursing wounded soldiers and generally superintending the Red Cross service of Morocco.

Lord Gladstone recently publicly announced in Johannesburg that the scheme to establish an Order of Nurses in South Africa was now established. An appeal for funds in its support, as a King Edward memorial for the Union, was made on the anniversary of the late King's birthday, and medallion buttons were also sold. Although 150,000 of these badges were prepared they were not sufficient to meet the anticipated demand, and 40 towns had to arrange other methods of street collection.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 10th, the fifth annual meeting of the Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation, 11A, Welbeck Street, W., was held at the St. James' Theatre, S.W., by kind permission of Sir George Alexander, when Princess Christian was present, and Admiral Sir John Durnford, K.C.B., D.S.O., President of the Society, was in the chair. Sir Dyce Duckworth presented the report, which stated that there were now some 40 nurses on the co-operation, and the receipts £3,719. Three orderlies went out to Tripoli with the Red Crescent Society, one of whom, unhappily, succumbed to typhoid fever. The speaker characterized a statement in the report that the co-operation was not fully supported by the general public as surprising and regrettable. The prejudice against the male nurses of the Society was certainly not justified.

Surgeon-General A. W. May, C.B., who warmly supported the aims of the co-operation, said that it was extremely difficult for men who left the Services in middle life to get work, and they were apt to drift into the ranks of casual labour. Surgeon-General Evatt said that it was charming to see the men come into their own, and a realization of his dreams. The male nurse had come to stay.

At the close of the business meeting an excellent entertainment was generously given by well-known artists.

NURSES' SOCIAL UNION.

Three meetings have been held at short intervals in the Bristol Branch, on November 12th, November 26th, and December 3rd. On the two earlier dates Dr. Fortescue-Brickdale gave most interesting and instructive post-graduate lectures to nurses on (1) Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis and (2) Epidemic Polio-myelitis. Each person was provided with a typed syllabus of the lecture, with clear and concise headings, which proved a valuable aid to note-taking, and all those present found the lectures most helpful. Dr. Brickdale is a clear and delightful lecturer, and it is a pity that, owing to the very bad weather and to stress of work, the audience was not as large as was anticipated.

On December 3rd, by the kind invitation of the Matron, Miss Gardner, another meeting was held at the Lying-in Hospital, to which members of the Midwives' Association were also invited. Dr. Marion Linton gave an illuminating address on Morality, and an animated discussion followed in which many took part.

The visitors were afterwards shown over the interesting little hospital, and were especially delighted with Miss Gardner's cleverly invented open-air shelter for her babies.

These lectures are of special note, as it is the first time there has been any attempt to give a connected series of post-graduate lectures to N.S.U. members in the West.

PRESENTATIONS.

Miss Clark, who for eleven years has worked at Heathfield, Sussex, in connection with the Heathfield and Waldron Nursing Association, has been presented with an illuminated address, framed in oak, from over 200 subscribers. The presentation was made in the Agricultural Hall, Heathfield, by Miss Alexander, in the absence of Lady Mabelle Egerton. Then a number of babies, two years old and under, were held up to the platform and handed Miss Clark a sum of money, receiving a toy in return. The total sum was £26 10s. 3d.; after which, Miss Butler, the Superintendent of the Sussex County Nursing Association, presented £5 on behalf of the County Nursing Association. Miss Clark said she really could not find words to express her gratitude. She hoped to use the money to buy a motor cycle.

Miss Leach, Matron of the Hornsey, Wood Green, and Southgate Hospital for ten years, who has resigned, has been presented by the hospital medical staff with a silver tea service, as an appreciation of her valuable services.

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