

In January members of Approved Societies will receive a Contribution Card for six months, up to June 29th, instead of quarterly, as heretofore. This provision of the Amended Insurance Act will be welcomed by busy nurses and secretaries.

### THE TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

A delightful party was given on Saturday evening last at 87, Lancaster Gate, W., by Sir George Wyatt and Lady Truscott to meet the Committee and nurses of the Territorial Force Nursing Service for the City and County of London. Amongst those present were Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., who helped Lady Truscott to receive the guests, Lady Bingham, Lady Bethune, Lady Barlow, Lady Cheyne, Lady Codrington, Lady Hamilton and Miss Hamilton, Lady Beachcroft, Lady Perrott, the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, Lady Dimsdale, Sir Homewood and Lady Crawford, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C. Matron-in-Chief, Miss Davies and Miss Barton, Principal Matrons, Miss Goodhue, Hon. Secretary, and the Matrons of some of the principal London Hospitals, together with a large number of the nursing staffs of the Territorial Force Hospitals.

A most enjoyable programme of songs, recitations, pianoforte solos, and musical sketches was thoroughly appreciated. Miss Evelyn Harrison, L.R.A.M., A.G.S.M., contributed two pianoforte solos; Miss Nancy Truscott charmed her audience with her finished singing of songs grave and gay, in a voice of musical and delightful quality. Sir Homewood Crawford was indefatigable, and his anecdotal reminiscences given as a most amusing musical sketch. Laughter greeted the story of the ingenuous lady who enquired of a musician whether "Back" had been composing anything lately, and the reply, "No, madam, he has been decomposing." Mr. Harry Marriott's songs, "Love's Nocturne" and "The English Rose," were greatly enjoyed, and Mr. Walter Churcher brought down the house with his recitations, "My Haircutter," "The Light-house Keeper," and "The Silent Orator." If the story of the little Cockney boys who, after doing most of the damage they could think of during a day at the seaside, and wrecking the spotless costume of a well-dressed little boy, was a compliment to the profession of his audience, it was certainly appreciated if we may judge from the applause which greeted the

final bit of mischief: "Let's breave on 'im, and give 'im the 'oopin-corf."

Miss Haldane said how pleasant it was for the members of this Service to meet, such intercourse brought home to the members that they belonged to one great body, which was sometimes difficult to remember when they were all scattered. It reminded them also that they were all united in trying to do something for their King and Country. Robert Louis Stevenson told a charming story of how when he used to play at buccaneering at North Berwick with other boys, none of them thought their equipment complete unless they carried a lantern, alight under their great coats. All in this Service also carried a light hidden under their uniform, the idealism which impelled them to do something above and beyond their ordinary work, in the desire to serve their country. Briefly reviewing the foundation and organization of the Territorial Service, Miss Haldane said that, in colloquial language, it had "caught on." It was splendid to think that so many people were ready to give their work for the sick and wounded in war, and as illustrating the spirit animating Territorial Nurses, she said that when it was recently notified that nurses were wanted in the war, by the Queen of Greece, within twenty-four hours fifty of them had volunteered for service.

Miss Haldane voiced the feelings of everyone present—Matrons, Sisters, Nurses, and friends—as she warmly thanked the kind host and hostess for their delightful hospitality, and Lady Truscott, replying to the vote of thanks, expressed her pleasure at Miss Haldane's presence, and continued: "You do not know, you cannot imagine, how welcome you all are here to-night. When I see the beautiful caps and aprons I almost want to be ill. I want to say how welcome you are, and hope we shall often meet."

The Territorial Force Nursing Service was organized during the reign of Lady Truscott at the Mansion House, and it owes much of its success to her enthusiastic and patriot interest.

### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

#### THE MISSIONARY ASPECT OF THE WOMAN'S MOVEMENT.

The last—but not the least interesting—of the group of four lectures given under the auspices of the "Nurses' Missionary League" took place on November 28th at 33, Bedford Square, by kind permission of the Misses Gregory.

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