

A bound volume of *Nosokomos* for 1913, the organ of the Dutch Nurses' Association, and a bound volume of *Una*, "with the compliments of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association," have been donated to the International Nursing Library in London, founded in connection with the International Council of Nurses. Complete files of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the *American Journal of Nursing*, and the majority of the official organs of National Associations of Nurses, are being gathered together. Thus the history of nursing throughout the world will be available for the study of future generations of nurses. Space and money will have to be found in the near future, if these invaluable records are to be worthily housed.

Miss M. Ard Mackenzie, B.A., R.N., Chief Superintendent and Inspector of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, states in her report, which is incorporated in that of the Board of Governors for 1913, that "the year has been a most successful one, marked by an increase in work accomplished, by increased interest, and what is of still greater importance, by a broadening of our horizon. Wonderful possibilities loom up before us, not only beckoning us, but urging us to still further efforts, would we fulfil the trust put upon us in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven."

The activities of the Order throughout the great Dominion are so numerous that it is impossible even to enumerate them. There, as well as at home, Child Welfare is an important consideration, and many pre-natal visits have been paid to expectant mothers, as well as subsequent visits to the babies to the end of the first year. These, says Miss Ard Mackenzie, are the two principal factors in reducing infant mortality. How can they be neglected? She also urges the importance of having well-managed Milk Stations for the educating of the mothers, wherever the nurses are working, and thinks that the Committees of the Victorian Order should urge their establishment upon the City Fathers. The Victorian Order Nurses do a large part of the Maternity Nursing of the Dominion.

The activities of the Order are divided, very roughly, into first, actual nursing and instruction with a view to prevention, and second, the training of specialists in district and public health nursing.

Miss Ard Mackenzie concludes her report as follows:—"Again we thank our nurses for their splendid work in relieving and preventing

suffering, for their loyalty to their profession, and hence to the Order. The various struggles and triumphs, the many acts of self-abnegation have not been recorded; we know, however, that there were and always will be such, but we must be content to leave them with the beautiful unrecorded things."

His Excellency Lord Gladstone sent to Miss J. C. Child a silver bowl of a Charles II design as a souvenir, with expressions of thanks for her valuable services as first Superintendent General of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses in South Africa. Miss Pritchard, her successor, arrived at Kroonstad in the middle of June.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Miss J. C. Child (South Africa), £1 4s. 6d.; Miss Rose Conway, 2s. 6d.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES

GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

The Members of the Gloucester Branch of the N.U.T.N. were invited on July 4th, by Miss Boiscall, Superintendent Nurse of the Union Infirmary (by permission of the Guardians) to a meeting in the Board Room. Twenty-six nurses were present. Dr. Grosvenor, the Medical Officer of the Union Infirmary gave a most interesting lecture on "Heredity" a quite new subject to this branch and one which was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Boiscall after the lecture invited all to her rooms to tea. Four new members were enrolled.

C. A. LEE, *Hon. Secretary.*

TAUNTON BRANCH.

On June 18th the joint summer meeting of the National Union of Trained Nurses and the Midwives' Association was held at Home Place, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton, Miss Hood, Q.N., and Miss Budd, Q.N., being again the kind hostesses.

The lecture on this occasion was on "Flies and Bacteria," given by Dr. Tripp, of Staplegrove, and most interesting bacteria cultures and specimens of flies were shown. Miss Joseph also gave a short address on the question of voting powers lying in the hands of trained nurses only, or of lay people as well, asking members to give their consideration to both sides. She also touched on the financial prospects of the N.U.T.N.

Some Morris dancing and jigs were much appreciated by the audience and thanks are due to Miss Hood and Miss Budd for their kind hospitality.

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