

number, and send best wishes for the success of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

The one question on which the Australasian nurses have shown keen interest during the past year, has been that concerning their fees, and for the first time in the history of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, there has been a cleavage amongst the members on this question. We are entirely in sympathy with the party led by Miss Newill—who considered that a rise of fee for private nurses from £2 2s. to £3 3s. a week justifiable, considering the rise in the cost of living in Australia, and the general rise of wages, already high, amongst the working classes. For and against put up a good fight, and the party in favour of a rise won. It is a pity the other side did not loyally abide by the decision of the majority, and we are not surprised to learn that the Council of the A.T.N.A. passed the following resolution at a recent meeting:—

"That this Council regrets the action of certain members in circularising members of the medical profession stating that they were willing to work for the original fees, regardless of the fact that the majority had decided on an increase."

Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, who, as we have previously reported, has accepted the position of Patroness of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, has received an address of welcome from the Queensland Branch.

Miss Gill, President of the Scottish Matrons' Association, presided at a very full and representative meeting, held on Saturday, November 7th, at the Home, 9, Chamberlain Road, Edinburgh, the Nurses' Memorial to King Edward.

After formal preliminary business, Miss Gill told of the work done in connection with the Memorial Home now opened, and explained the conditions of residence. She asked the Matrons present to make these conditions known as they had opportunity.

The Association voted a subscription of two guineas to the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund.

Two new members were elected, and four resignations accepted with regret.

An opportunity was given to the members present to go over the Home, and all were unanimous in the impression given of pleasant environment, comfort, and convenience.

Miss Graham, Hon. Secretary of the Association, very kindly entertained the members to tea in the dining-room of the Home.

## IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The autumn session of lectures arranged by the Irish Nurses' Association began on Wednesday, November 11th, with a lecture on fractures by Dr. Stoney. Two more lectures will be given: (1) Wednesday, November 25th, on "Remedial Exercises for S. Shaped Scoliosis," by Mr. Lindeburg; and (2) Wednesday, December 2nd, on "Enteric Fever," by Dr. Purser.

## SANTOVIN.

We have lately had submitted to us a sample of a tonic wine and restorative known as "Santovin." Although this has only recently been brought before the notice of nurses, it is not a new production; it has been on the market for some three years, and has achieved a wide reputation, a point in its favour being that this reputation has been obtained entirely by its own intrinsic merit and recommendation.

"Santovin" is claimed to be an absolutely pure, carefully-selected, and scientifically-treated wine, in which are incorporated certain valuable tonic properties that aid the system to recover and retain its lost store of physical and nervous energy. It is claimed to make new, rich, vitalising blood, to nourish the whole body, and to build up the system to a marked degree. One of the strong points advanced for "Santovin" is that, while the strength it gives is lasting, it is entirely free from reaction and after-depression.

We learn that Santovin, Ltd., 39, Victoria Street, London, S.W., will be glad to send a small sample bottle free to any member of the nursing profession.

## ROMANCE OF AN OXO STEAMER.

The steamer *Silversand* has recently arrived in London with a record of concentrated and canned foods worth £160,000 sterling from the Oxo Supply Factories in the River Plate. The day after she sailed the German steamer *Cap Trafalgar* was observed coaling, and it was thought that her first endeavour would be to secure this most desirable food prize. The *Silversand's* captain, however, steered an unusual course, and gave the *Cap Trafalgar* the slip. She came across the Atlantic without a single light showing, and Captain Crosby is to be congratulated on his skill and intrepidity in bringing such a valuable cargo safely into port.

## PARCELS FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Arrangements have now been made through Messrs. Cox & Co., with the assistance of the Red Cross Society, whereby immediate delivery can be made of parcels addressed personally to any wounded English soldier in hospital in France. Parcels should be sent to Lady Ripon, at Harrington House, Craig's Court, Charing Cross, kindly lent by Lady Harrington for the purpose, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the sender, and a list of contents. Parcels should not exceed 20 lbs. in weight.

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