

The Annual General Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Wednesday, May 19th, at 3 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir John Jardine, K.C.I.E., M.P., LL.D., President of the Association. As usual, a feature of the proceedings will be the presentation of medals for long and meritorious nursing service. Matters of much importance to Asylum Workers will be discussed, and the officers hope that there will be a large and representative attendance. Tea and coffee will be served after the meeting.

*Near and Far*, the organ of the Missionary Nurses' League, reports that some 140 members are now away from their usual posts nursing the wounded, either on the Continent or in the base hospitals at home. The Editor writes:—"We are seeking to keep up, as far as we possibly can, with all members who have gone to the front, to remember them in the daily prayer meeting, and to send them the monthly Bible Study Notes. We are very glad to hear from some of them that, amid all the strain and rush of their work, they still make time to use the Notes, and find them of value. If any have not had the Notes, it may be because they have not sent their address."

Miss R. Williams writes from Bangalore:—

"I am feeling very thankful just now because our five senior nurses have passed their final examination in general nursing and midwifery. They will get the new uniform certificate for nurses in South India trained in Mission Hospitals. This is the first time the final examination has been held by this board of examiners, and all candidates passed. We are fortunate in being able to keep on these nurses for the present. It makes a huge difference to the efficiency of the work, for I have known the time when there was not a single nurse doing even her third year, but all in their first or second."

The question of organizing a Trained Nurses' Economic League was discussed at a meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association in Dublin recently, and as some of the members desired to join, forms have been sent to the Secretary of the I.N.A.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Management of the Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor, held at 74, Botanic Avenue, Belfast, the report of the Nursing Council showed that since January 1st, 596 patients have been attended in the nine city districts. Many distressing cases of illness have been relieved and benefited. Grate-

ful acknowledgment was made of about 100 stone of the Canadian gift of flour, and four Canadian cheeses, which were distributed and much appreciated.

Lady Stanley presided recently at the fourth annual meeting of the Bush Nursing Association in the Town Hall, Melbourne, Australia. In addressing the large company, Lady Stanley spoke in eulogistic terms of the splendid life-saving work carried on by the association, and said that she felt greatly interested in its developments, and desired to give her support in every way possible. Her Excellency Lady Helen Munro Ferguson emphasised the importance of extending work with such a far-reaching effect on the lives of those who are carving out their homes

in remote bush districts. Applause greeted the report read by Sister Greer, dealing with the progressive work carried on by the bush nurses, who, she said, are well worthy of their salaries in their capacity of missionaries of hygiene alone.

We are indebted to Miss Beatrice Cutler for the loan of the Marie Jose Medal, illustrated on this page, which was given by the Belgian Red Cross Society to nurses working in Belgium in the sad days following the German occupation, and is much appreciated by them.



THE MARIE JOSE MEDAL.

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