

increase of salaries should certainly be made in the case of district, school, and other nurses who pay their own expenses of board, lodging, and washing, and are heavily hit by the increase in the cost of living.

The annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses was held last week in the Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow. At the present there are 169 nurses on the roll. Over 80 are on war service, which has meant financial sacrifice both to the nurses and the home, the remuneration for military nursing being considerably less than a nurse could earn on the private staff of the Co-operation. Professor Glaister moved the adoption of the report, and Dr. David Newman, who seconded, pointed out that while quite 50 per cent. of the nurses were on war service, the staff had been fully maintained, both as to numbers and quality. Mrs. James W. Napier and Mr. A. A. Hagart Speirs, of Elderslie, were appointed Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hall was elected a member of the Executive Committee, and Nurses Powell, Graham, A. C. Mitchell, and M'Innes were also appointed members of the Committee in the place of nurses who retired in rotation.

A VOTIVE OFFERING.

When Love came down at Christmas, He came into the body of a little Child, who all these nineteen hundred years since has held out His hands to minister to the helpless little ones of the world. Christmas is the festival of the children, God bless them, and especially of the slum babes, for He who was born in a stable gives the warmest place in His heart to those for whom Christmas brings scant fare, and on whom Father Christmas drops no toys.

These waifs know no jealousy or envy. They stray away into the nearest thoroughfare of shops, and enjoy the sight of fascinating dolls, popguns, and picture books, designed for more fortunate children. They press grubby faces against the plate-glass of confectioners, and grow round-eyed as they contemplate the joys within. "Oo'er, Billy, ain't they pretty?" "I'd 'ave that one, which 'ud you 'ave?" They are none of them for you, slum babies, they are for the children of your betters, to whom you must order yourselves lowly and reverently. If you go to Sunday school regularly, you may, if people are generous, get a slab of stodgy cake for your Christmas treat,

and a pair of warm mittens for your little blue fingers.

In a slummiest of slums, the parson had erected a crèche in a corner of his church, where the figure of the Infant Saviour, watched by His gentle mother and the shepherds, were lit by little twinkling lights, and decorated with holly and flowers. It was a source of unending fascination to his slum babies, who sat quiet and absorbed while he explained to them its meaning. "His Mummy was too poor to buy Him any toys," he ended. And a little girl, hugging a dirty legless woolly lamb, added to herself, "I 'spects 'is Daddy was at the war."

The church is emptied now of these poorly clad little figures, and the lights turned out, all save those twinkling over the crib.

The door slowly opens and re-admits the tousled little figure of the child hugging the lamb, and she steals up to the crib.

"I've bringed you my lickle lamb, Baby Jesus, and I'd like to mind you sometimes if yer muvver will let me when she's busy, and if I get a scarf at the treat I'll ask my muvver if I may bring it round."

She stole out as silently as she had come, and disappeared into the darkness of the streets.

"Where're you bin to, Lizzie, and what yer done with yer lamb?"

"Loosed it, muvver," said the child, complacently.

"I've a good mind to knock your 'ead off," said the woman dispassionately; "go in and get yer tea."

And the twinkling lights in the big church lit up the figure of the Baby Jesus, with the dirty little toy lying in His outstretched arms.

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NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The National Union has done very useful work during the war, in acting as a medium between nurses requiring employment and institutions and others requiring nurses. Just now we are informed that several cases have come to the knowledge of the Union of the needs of elderly nurses over fifty who find great difficulty in obtaining employment, but who, though not strong enough for active hospital work, are quite capable of useful attention in private cases and who are willing to meet those who are unable to afford full fees. We hear so much of the shortage of nurses, that surely, with some readjustment, there should be work for all trustworthy nurses. Miss Eden, the Hon. Secretary of the Union, will be pleased to give information concerning these nurses, upon application.

Miss P. L. Guillemard, Voluntary Aid Detachment, Nursing Service, is reported in Tuesday's casualty list to have died.

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