

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION ROOMS.

On Wednesday February 28th, the Scottish Nurses' Association opened rooms for the benefit of their members, at 103, Bath Street, Glasgow. The President of the Association, Mrs. Strong, was accompanied by the Marchioness of Ailsa, Lady Dunlop, Mrs. Pollock, Ayr, Mrs. McGowan, Glasgow, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Miss Finn (Paisley), Dr. McGregor Robertson, Capt. Macewen, &c., &c.

Apologies for absence were received from Surgeon-General Sir William Macewen, Major Pringle, and many others. Mrs. Strong explained that these rooms were meant to be a meeting-place for the nurses, where they could meet their friends, where they could rest and have a cup of tea, and have provision for receiving and writing letters.

The rooms would be open daily at definite hours and the Secretary or some other member of Committee would always be present to assist with advice or information or in the transaction of any business.

Hitherto there has not been any such provision for Nurses, where they could spend an hour or two when off duty, and the large numbers who crowded the rooms on the opening day testified to the need that the Scottish Nurses' Association was endeavouring to supply. It is hoped also that the rooms will meet the need of Nurses coming into Town for an afternoon.

In declaring the Rooms open, Lady Ailsa spoke of exceptional opportunities the needs of the time were opening up for women individually, and strongly urged the Nurses to be fully awake to their significance. She hoped the small beginning inaugurated that day would grow and blossom until the nurses had obtained premises adequate to their social and educational needs, and worthy of their professional status.

After a vote of thanks had been cordially given to Lady Ailsa, tea was served.

A UNANIMOUS NOMINATION.

The Mansion House Committee, Territorial Force Nursing Service, for the City and County of London, have unanimously nominated Miss Dora Finch, Matron of University College Hospital, for the position of Principal Matron of the 2nd London General Hospital, St. Mark's College, Chelsea, to succeed Miss Darbyshire, resigned. A great deal of extremely good work has been done in nursing sick and wounded soldiers at the University College Hospital, so that Miss Finch will enter on her new duties with good experience of military nursing.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Mr. William Henry Delahay, of Great Malvern, bequeathed his estate, amounting to considerably over £8,000, to his former housekeeper, and present nurse, Flora Ellen Ingram, "in grateful return for all she has done for me."

RECUPERATIVE HOSTELS FOR SAILORS AND SOLDIERS, INVALIDED FROM H.M. SERVICES WITH NERVE STRAIN.

An excellent scheme has been promoted to bring relief and cure to these—the most pitiable victims of a cruel war. Hospitals cannot deal with these cases—they are needed for the wounded and physically sick. With a little foresight at the outbreak of war, provision might and ought to have been made for these sufferers. The institutions established through the instrumentality of Lord Knutsford are for officers only; up to the present very little has been done for the men. Competent authorities state that over 200 of these men have been placed in lunatic asylums. We heard Sir Frederick Milner say that he had fetched four or five out himself. It was an outrage, he exclaimed indignantly. It has been stated that these poor victims are eminently curable, if placed in right surroundings and with specialised treatment. After some months' continuous work, the Committee is able to announce that the first Hostel will shortly be opened. It is situated in Hampstead.

Two adjoining houses have been generously given for a period of time by the Midland Railway Co. There are 42 rooms; a winter garden is attached; there is also a glass verandah, steam-heated. It is in every way suited to the purpose for which it is required, and will be used as a clearing house. There is ample space for all requirements. One room is fitted up with the necessary equipment for electrical treatment; a gymnasium is installed, and there will be provision for light employment in and outdoor. The scheme is in charge of a competent Committee, including Sir Frederick Milner (Chairman) and the Bishop of Willesden, J. Stewart Mackintosh, Esq., M.D., A. Davis Waite, Esq., M.A., M.R.C.S., Captain Arthur St. John, Mrs. Henry Boys, Lady Muir Mackenzie, and others.

The Hon. Organiser is Mrs. G. M. Clarke, a trained nurse; she has worked untiringly on behalf of the cause, and the Committee are fortunate that they have secured her services as Matron of the Hampstead Hostel, as she has had considerable experience in the care of nerve patients, and is therefore peculiarly fitted for the post.

Other fully trained and specially selected Nurses will be engaged.

The men who will be treated in these hostels are petty officers, N.C.O.'s and men, also men of the mercantile marine. In connection with the Hampstead Hostel, various trades will be

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