

An interesting ceremony took place recently at the Glasgow Nurses' Club, 10, Claremont Terrace, Glasgow, West, when the Club was thrown open to Sisters, Nurses, and V.A.D. workers in the military hospitals in Glasgow.

The Club has been open for sixteen years, first at Charing Cross, Lansdowne Crescent, and recently in its present quarters.

The Countess of Eglinton and Winton, who addressed those present, said her heart was full of admiration for the nursing world. The devotion of the nurses was beyond praise, both those abroad, and those on general home duty. She was sure that many of the military nurses would be only too happy to take advantage of the opportunities afforded them by the Club.

The *Canadian Nurse* announces that Dr. Maud Abbott, of McGill University, has had a delightful sketch of the life of Florence Nightingale published with 15 portraits of the Queen of Nurses. The book is entitled "Florence Nightingale, as Seen in her Portraits," and copies may be had at the Club House, 638A, Dorchester Street West, Montreal, Canada. Cloth, one dollar 25 cents; paper, 75 cents. The profits go to the Canadian Red Cross.

The Canadian Society of Training School Superintendents, and the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses will hold their annual conventions in Montreal from June 12th to 15th. A great muster is invited.

We notice quite a little crop of articles from our own pen culled from these pages without acknowledgment in our monthly exchanges from abroad. The Editor of the *B.J.N.* is of course flattered at this sign of appreciation, but the journal is copyright, and the source from which an article is quoted must be given in future.

We congratulate our American confrères, and specially Dr. Helen Parker Criswell, who has accomplished the task, that in the immigration law recently passed by both Houses of Congress over the veto of President Wilson, nurses are now classed as persons belonging to a recognised learned profession, instead of being classed by the Government as contract labourers, and excluded from the country when engagements to fill professional positions were arranged outside the borders of the United States. This decision will in time, undoubtedly, have a marked effect on the social status of the nursing body, and is greatly to the advantage of nurses emigrating to the States.

## LEAGUE NEWS.

We have received recently our copy of the *Bart's League News*, which is excellently edited by Miss Helen Todd and is full of interesting news, papers, and letters.

Miss Hannah Simpson writes from Oporto, where the war with Germany has not apparently changed the mode of life—although sugar has gone up to 2s. 2d. a lb.!

Mrs. Cooper, *née* Davis, writing from Bombay, says:—"When war broke out I wrote up to Simla offering my services, but was told that just then no more nurses were needed than Q.A.M.N.S.I. could supply. However, in April, 1915, a great many were called upon for their services, and I was sent to two up-country stations. Later I was sent to the big war hospital at Colaba. The wounded from Mesopotamia were pouring in, and the work was most interesting though exceedingly hard. About July the sick began to arrive, and the hospital was practically all medical. In September I went up to a hill station called Chakrata for a month. It was really a lovely place; the hospital seemed perched on the highest available hill. We used to hear fearsome stories of leopards prowling after dark, but never saw or heard any, much to our disappointment. . . .

The trained nurses of India are feeling rather sore on the V.A.D. subject. They have usually from one to two months' training, and are paid at the rate of £10 per month; whilst we trained people are only getting about £11 10s. per month, and we do feel that skilled labour is being horribly cheapened. It is not the actual money but the ratio of the pay. One begins to wonder what one's four years' training is worth. However, I suppose the only answer to that is that, to make supply meet the demand, a substantial salary must be offered. Only it is rather hard on the trained nurses of India, who all volunteered for service directly war was declared. . . . I have met quite a number of Bart's men; they are always so pleased to see the League brooch, and to have a talk over old Bart's days and ways."

We are glad to note that the Statement prepared on the instruction of the Central Committee, concerning the negotiations, which unfortunately have not resulted in agreement, between that body and the College of Nursing, Ltd.—entered into with the object of drafting a Conjoint Nurses' Registration Bill—is published in full in *League News*. We hope all League members will read it carefully—as it is a very clear statement of fact, and every nurse should acquaint herself with the truth on this question.

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