

naturally affected the work to some extent. The duties consist of a general inspection of the children, and the application of the Council's schemes for dealing with those who are found to be (1) verminous in head only; (2) verminous in body and clothing; (3) suffering from scabies.

In spite of the many demands upon the purse of the public the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund are able to state that, with the exception of 1905, when £12,500 were received in legacies, the collection for the year of £70,500 constitutes a record one in the forty-five years of the Fund's existence.

Thirty-three nursing associations have received awards from the Fund, *i.e.*:—Belvedere, Abbey Wood, £7 9s.; Brixton, £44 14s.; Central St. Pancras, £29 16s.; Charlton and Blackheath, £7 9s.; Chelsea and Pimlico, £29 16s.; Hackney, £51 3s.; Hammersmith, £74 10s.; Hampstead, £22 7s.; Isleworth, £14 18s.; Kensington, £67 1s.; Kilburn, £7 9s.; Kingston, £37 5s.; Lambeth Road (Catholic), £7 9s.; Metropolitan (Bloomsbury), £51 3s.; St. Olave's (Bermondsey), £29 16s.; Paddington and Marylebone, £59 12s.; Plaistow, £59 12s.; Plaistow (Maternity), £89 8s.; Ponders End, Enfield, &c., £14 18s.; Rotherhithe, £14 18s.; Shoreditch, £59 12s.; Sick Room Helps Society, £29 16s.; Sidcup, £7 9s.; Silvertown, £14 18s.; South London (Battersea), £59 12s.; Southwark, £37 5s.; South Wimbledon, £7 9s.; Tottenham, £22 7s.; Westminster, £29 16s.; Woolwich, £51 3s.; East London, £119 4s.; North London, £74 10s.; Ranyard Nurses, £511 1s.

The Nursing Conventions of 1917 were, says the *Canadian Nurse*, the largest ever held in Canada, every Province being well represented, and a keener interest being shown by all affiliated societies in instructing delegates. Almost every affiliated society was represented, and that in these days, when graduate nurses are few, and those in executive positions overworked, means much. Important questions were taken up, and much real help given to the problems of the day, chiefly that pressing one of nursing aid for the scattered people of the prairie Provinces, whose need is so great.

The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, during the Convention, changed the Constitution and the By-laws, and the name of the Society as well. It is now the "Canadian Association of Nursing Education," and has a much broader field. It is now open

to all nurses engaged in the education of nurses. Formerly only Superintendents of Training Schools could be full members, with assistants as associate members having no vote. Now all assistants, head nurses, heads of school nursing departments, and all engaged in nurse education are eligible, and it is hoped that a much larger membership will be the result of the change.

A most interesting discussion took place after the reading of the *Canadian Nurse* report, and the editor writes that it was most gratifying to her to hear the satisfaction expressed over the improvement since the nurses owned the magazine. (It is now owned and published by the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses.) The financial situation was felt to be very grave, and several suggestions were made. It was appreciated by everybody that some definite steps must be taken, or the Canadian nurse would be without a journal. More efficient campaigns for subscribers will have to be undertaken, and every small place canvassed. The most important decision was the practically unanimous one of increasing the price of the magazine from one to two dollars a year, beginning with the September issue. It was felt that "their own" journal meant enough to the nurses of Canada to warrant the change. An assessment of twenty-five cents per member of all affiliated societies towards the expenses of the *Canadian Nurse* for this one year was also voted for by the nurses at the Convention. It is hoped that at the end of the year the financial situation will be on a better footing and the assessment discontinued.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson Scovil, well known to the readers of this JOURNAL as an Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*, has undertaken a department in the *Canadian Nurse* in which she will give the latest news from the medical world. This is noted by its editor with great pleasure and appreciation.

"Northwood," writing from England to our contemporary, says:—"One realizes more and more as the war continues what an immense advantage it is to the Canadian Nursing Sisters to be associated with members of the profession who have been born and bred in the Mother Country and trained in one of the many excellent hospitals to which our Canadian doctors come for observation and instruction.

"Like the New Zealanders, Australians, and South Africans, although we may each prefer the distinguishing marks of hospital training in

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