

Manchester, with a high reputation for good services rendered there, and her record of work while in charge at Kingston more than justified her selection for the post she has occupied there to the full satisfaction of everyone concerned. During the time Miss McClymont has been in charge, the work of the Kingston Nursing Association has progressed smoothly and well, and in view of the satisfactory report and accounts for the year 1917, it was with the greatest regret that the committee received the intimation that, owing to the protracted illness of her mother, it was absolutely unavoidable that Miss McClymont should relinquish her position and return to Ireland to undertake nursing duties at home.

At a recent meeting of the committee it was decided to recognise the valuable work of Miss McClymont in a practical manner, and a souvenir was presented to her in the form of a gold wrist watch, which was subscribed for by the President (Colonel F. Cooper Turner), the committee, and the hon. secretary.

A very suitable successor has been found in Miss Harborough, who has occupied the position of head nurse of a similar institution at Hampstead, and it is hoped that the many friends of the Association will co-operate with her in carrying on the important work which has been done in the borough for well over thirty years.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the members of the King Edward's Coronation Fund for Nurses was held at 23, Kildare Street, Dublin, on the 29th ult., when the High Sheriff, Mr. Andrew Beattie, D.L., presided.

The Chairman, in his opening statement, reviewed the origin and history of the Fund. In the year 1902 the citizens of Dublin formed a committee with the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath as President, for the purpose of commemorating the great event of His then Majesty's Coronation by a lasting memorial. An appeal was issued, and over £5,000 collected, and this sum stands invested in the names of three trustees.

Since the inception of the Fund relief has been granted to deserving cases to the extent of over £1,230. Many of the original subscribers have passed away, but the Fund is administered by a sympathetic Board, and no case of real distress amongst the nursing sisterhood has ever been refused.

The Hon. Secretary stated that during the past year grants had been made to nurses amounting to over £100. The annual report was adopted. Fifteen members were elected

as the Council for the ensuing year. Sir William Fry, D.L., and Miss Boland were appointed Hon. Treasurers, and Mr. W. H. Baskin Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year. The accounts, as audited by a public auditor, were duly considered and adopted.

COMING EVENTS.

June 6th.—College of Nursing, Ltd. Third ordinary meeting. 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 3 p.m. Nursing Conference, 11, Chandos Street, W. 7.30 p.m.

June 7th.—Conference continued, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

June 13th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual meeting. Chair, Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 3 p.m.

June 15th.—The National Party: "State Registration of Trained Nurses as One of the Problems of the Day." Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 64, Victoria Street, S.W. 5.30 p.m.

June 19th.—Central Midwives Board, Penal Board. 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, S.W.

June 20th.—Central Midwives Board. Monthly Meeting. 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings.

June 20th.—Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in the chair. Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 4 p.m. Tea, after meeting, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer. 2, Portland Place, W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE IRISH FUND FOR A NATION'S TRIBUTE TO NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I quite approve of the Irish Fund being raised and administered in Ireland for Ireland. At the same time it would be interesting to know how much Ireland has contributed towards the £400 grant made from the Head Office of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in London, to its Irish Board and expended by it. Justice is justice, and it is not fair that Ireland should have it both ways, and it should certainly defray the expenses of this Board.

The questions asked by Miss Kearns in her letter in your last issue are very pertinent. Every Irish nurse has a right to a straight answer to them, and

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