

country. There are times in the history of every great nation when more can be accomplished in a single decade than is usually the case in a century, owing to the peculiar susceptibility of the more thoughtful people, to receive impressions and create traditions at such a time. Such an hour has now struck in China with regard to nursing, and there is a tremendous call for nurses of the highest possible training (especially administrative training) and earnest Christian character to give themselves to this unique task. And future generations will never forget their service."

The new Nurses' Home in connection with the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, at 46, West Terrace, adjacent to the Hospital, which was opened in December last, is proving a great comfort and convenience, and is much appreciated by the nursing staff, particularly by the night nurses, to whom it affords the benefit of quiet as well as of change of environment.

The Australian Edith Cavell Memorial Fund now amounts to £10,513 9s. 1d. A Nurse Cavell Calendar for 1918 has been designed, and will be sold for the Fund. It is designed by an artist, and contains a reproduction of Correlli's picture painted in June, 1914, "The Market Place at Ypres," with the famous Cloth Hall in the background.

We have received from Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. a copy of "Edith Cavell's Last Thought, and Other Poems," by H. Northcote and M. A. Northcote, brother and sister.

This little book is dedicated "To the memory of Edith Cavell," and we hope to refer to it in a future issue.

A BEAUTIFUL NEW BADGE.

We are informed that nurses trained for three years and certificated at the County Hospital, York, are eligible to possess the new badge, which is of a very attractive design. The badge is the size of a two-shilling piece, made in gilt and blue enamel with the White Rose of York in the centre, with a red cross, and five small lions around the rose in gilt. On the blue enamel are inscribed the words: "York County Hospital." All the nurses, at the termination of their three years' training are awarded their certificates, and are to receive the Badge. Those nurses who finished their training before December, 1917, and who hold the three years' certificate can have the Badge by application to the Matron, Miss K. S. Stewart, if they give the dates of their training and enclose 4s. 6d., the cost of the badge. We feel sure nurses trained at the County Hospital, York, will greatly value this badge of historic significance, especially those who know and are interested in that struggle for the Crown through the Wars of the Roses—a struggle which ended in the triumph of the Red Rose of Lancaster on Bosworth Field.

THE INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF TRAINED MASSEUSES.

TO MEMBERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held (by kind permission of the authorities of the National Institute for the Blind) at the Armitage Hall, 228, Great Portland Street, London, on Saturday, March 16th, at 3 p.m.

The Council will be pleased to receive the names of members proposed for 1918 Council. All those sent in must be accompanied by the name and address of the proposer and seconder, who must also be members of the Society. The Council hopes that, with each nomination, members will take into consideration the suitability of the candidate proposed, her experience in practice (private or hospital work), the time of association with the Society, and the possibility of being able to devote sufficient time for attendance at meetings and to furthering the aims and objects of the Society and its members in general. It is also advisable to ascertain if the member proposed is willing to act on the Council before forwarding her name. All names and details of proposed members for 1918 Council should reach the Society's offices by February 8th, after which voting papers will be forwarded to all members of the Society, and these should be filled in and returned before the date of the Annual Meeting, March 16th, 1918, if the voters are unable to attend in person at the meeting. While appreciating the fact that practising masseuses are deeply occupied now with professional duties, the Council sincerely hopes that members will spare some time and thought, in the interests of the Society, to suggesting fresh names for candidates to the governing body for 1918.

Members are reminded that in accordance with the resolution passed by them at the Annual Meeting in 1916, all subscriptions fall due in January of each year, and it will considerably assist the secretarial work if they will accept this notice and kindly remit their subscriptions without delay.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

The Reform Bill (Votes for Women) was read a third time in the Lords on Tuesday, and was passed after the Marquess of Crewe had paid a tribute to Lord Peel for the masterly and tactful way in which he had conducted it through the House.

COMING EVENTS.

February 2nd.—Irish Nurses' Association. Meeting of the Executive Committee, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. 8 p.m.

February 7th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Lecture: "The Royal Observatory, Greenwich," illustrated by lantern views. Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer Royal. 11, Chandos Street, W. 2.45 p.m.

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