

Towards the end of the course the nurse might be allowed to arrange all the menus and reckon out the cost per head. This involves considerable work and thought, for there are so many sections to be catered for—patients, doctors, the matron, sisters, day and night nurses, secretaries, and clerks, and sometimes a private staff.

The keeping of the various official books and accounts, and preparing reports, based on those, for the finance committees, would prove very valuable experience, and many nurses would welcome, as a part of their training, such a course of hospital housekeeping.

A USEFUL ASSOCIATION.

Princess Christian and the Duke of Connaught were patrons of the very successful carnival and fête held in the gardens of Belgrave Square on Saturday last, in aid of the Belgravia War Hospital Supply Depot, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN SETTLEMENT HOME.

A room is now available for one of the retired Members of the Association at the Princess Christian Settlement Home. Nurses who may decide to make application for this vacant room should write to the Secretary for the official printed form, which should be filled in and returned. A copy of the rules and other particulars will be supplied with this form.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Mary M. Smith, M.R.B.N.A., has been appointed Sister at Lagos Hospital, Southern Algeria. She was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester.

Miss Elizabeth Todd, M.R.B.N.A., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Military Hospital, Aylesbury; and Miss Bridget Weever, M.R.B.N.A., as Sister at the Military Hospital, Endell Street.

DONATIONS.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Corporation acknowledges with thanks a donation from the following:—

To the General Purposes Fund.—Miss Beatrice Kent, £1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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PROFESSIONAL WRITERS.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

MADAM,—I should like to thank both Miss Atherton and Miss Sinzinenex for their very able articles. Both of these ladies I have long known to be "past masters" in their own particular

branches, and I am glad that such up-to-date articles do appear in the nurses' own paper—the only journal controlled and written by members of our profession. I hope that more and more we will learn to use the *B.J.N.*, therefore, as a medium for developing the profession of nursing. If I may be permitted to, I should like to ask Miss Atherton one question. Would not such an automatic obedience as her article seems to aim at, tend to stultify the child's ability to reason out points for himself, and prevent him, to a great extent, from acquiring a freewill of his own in the choice of right or wrong? This is just a point that my interest in the article in question has aroused, and I should be glad to know Miss Atherton's views.

I am, &c.,

M. E. NASH.

THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

MADAM,—As a Scottish nurse I should like to protest against the hideous posters that line the London streets. Have the English nurses no spirit, no self respect, that they allow them to remain? Quite apparently they have less of the sturdy independence of us who live over the border, for, so far, I have seen no such defacements in our Scottish streets. As a member of a great profession, I feel that I can never be indifferent to anything that affects its honour or its prestige, and I feel very strongly that the British Women's Hospital Committee and the College Company are insulting a self-respecting, hard-working body of women, never before regarded as objects for charity. "What does this appeal really mean?" is a question I often ask myself, but I can find no definite answer to it. Am I myself or any qualified nurse a fitting object for charity? Believe me, I am not against benevolence for nurses, but any appeal for benevolence should be issued in a proper and dignified way; our supposed poverty and dependence should not be paraded through the advertisement columns of the daily Press and the hoardings of the streets. Such an appeal should be strictly limited to the probable needs of the nurses who are in distress or ill-health. Again, I ask myself, how far does this appeal camouflage for the other object for which it is launched? In other words, what proportion of the money collected is to go for buildings for the College Company, and what proportion to relieve sick nurses?

Yours, &c.,

E. KELLY.

APPLICATION FORMS.

Application forms for Registration (5s.), Membership (Annual, 5s.; Life, £2 2s.), and the badge of the Corporation (4s.), can be obtained from the office of the Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary.

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