

on many thousands of years ago. Many of the necklaces were very beautiful, and, as Miss Murray pointed out, it was interesting to note that they were mostly of a colour which suited the dark complexion of the Egyptians. Those beads might almost be said to take one through an entire civilization, from four little iron specimens of a very early period and others of wonderful lustre and representative of lost arts, down to the decline of the Egyptian dynasties, when the beads gradually became much coarser and more vulgar in appearance. Two nurses had brought rings with ancient Egyptian carvings or stones in them, which they showed to Professor Petrie, who said that one belonged to a period three hundred years before Christ, and another to one fifteen hundred years before the Christian era.

COURSE OF LECTURES.

The following lectures, of which particulars will be given later, will commence on December 5th. On that date Edward Price Bell, Esq., M.A., the famous American Journalist and Editor, will lecture on "America and the New World Order," at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, at 2.45 p.m. Those who had the privilege of listening to Mr. Price Bell a few weeks ago at Bedford College will look forward with great pleasure to this lecture, and we urge all our members to make every effort to be present; Miss Meakin, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, will lecture on "Bokhara and Samarkand," on December 19th; Mr. Herbert Paterson, F.R.C.S., on "Scottish Wit and Humour"; Professor Flinders Petrie on "Ten Thousand Years of Civilisation"; and Mr. Selwyn Image, late Slade Professor of Fine Art in Oxford University, on "Two Famous Diarists of the Seventeenth Century" (John Evelyn and Samuel Pepys). Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S., will lecture on "Land and Peoples of the Lower Danube." All these educational subjects have been carefully chosen and as a relief from professional questions.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss H. C. Sadleir has been appointed Matron of the Harrow, Wealdstone and District, War Memorial Maternity Hostel, 10, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, to be opened on December 7th. Miss Sadleir has been a member of the R.B.N.A. since 1895. She was trained and certificated at the Royal Free Hospital, and at Kensington Infirmary for Midwifery, and holds Certificates in Gynaecology and Monthly Nursing, and C.M.B. She has done many years of private nursing, and taken Sisters' holiday duty at several V.A.D. Hospitals in Harrow.

Miss Edith Robinson has been appointed Assistant Housekeeper at St. Mary's Hospital for the East End. Miss Robinson was trained at the Royal Hants County Hospital, and became a Member of the Corporation in 1913.

A PROFESSIONAL PROTEST.

The following letter was sent from the Office last week to certain ladies patronising the Victory Ball promoted by the *Daily Sketch* in the name of "Nation's Fund for Nurses," as it was felt they could not have been informed of the natural indignation felt by thousands of the Nation's Nurses, that such a function was to take place during a period of mourning by those who have lost their dearest, and whilst sick, wounded, and prisoners are still suffering as the cost of Victory:—

MADAM,—At the urgent request of Members of this Corporation, and of the organised societies of Nurses affiliated to it, I am to express to you their deep regret on hearing that you have given your support to the Victory Ball at the Albert Hall in aid of the so-called Nation's Fund for Nurses.

They have pointed out to us that they freely gave their services to their King and Country, and that, to use their own words, "Some have made sacrifices even to the death." It is with feelings akin to horror that they realise that, while the sufferings they have witnessed are still fresh in their memory, while the casualty lists are still appearing in the press, while our men, on their march back from the German prison camps are undergoing the most terrible hardships and, according to some reports, dying by the wayside, and while the cloud of sorrow and bereavement is still hanging over so many homes, the Members of the Profession of Nursing are to be made the excuse for a charity ball.

Moreover, the nurses maintain that the public do not understand the precise purpose of the appeal, which purports to be an appeal for the Nation's Nurses, but which, according to its Registration Certificate under the War Charities Act, is secured for one section of nurses only, namely the College of Nursing, Ltd.

I am, Madam,

Yours very truly,

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary.

DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks donations from the following:—

General Purposes Fund.—Miss Bainbridge, 5s. 6d.; Miss Mitchell, 2s. 6d.; Miss E. Hall, 2s.

Fund for State Registration.—Miss C. J. Cowie, £2 18s. 6d.; Mrs. Bartlett, 10s.; Miss E. Hall, 5s. 6d.; Miss A. M. Burfield, 5s.; Miss M. Stein, 5s.; Miss A. James, 4s.; Miss Cobbett, 2s. 6d.; Miss E. R. Diver, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Findlater, 2s. 6d.; Miss H. Halsall, 2s. 6d.; Miss E. H. Kenny, 2s. 6d.

Helena Benevolent Fund.—F. F. C., £1 1s.; Miss H. L. White 5s.; Miss Neighbour, 2s. 6d.; Miss Barry, 1s.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,
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