

under any one body, and emphasised the fact that the Club would be managed by nurses themselves for the whole body of nurses, as a house of their own, where they would have opportunities of comradeship.

The Lord Provost, in formally declaring the Club open, spoke in high terms of the willing and valuable service rendered by the profession of nursing to the community. He wished the Club every success, and hoped that the nurses would avail themselves fully of the advantages which it offered as a place of rest and refreshment in the midst of their arduous duties.

On behalf of the nurses, Mrs. Strong, who was warmly received, thanked the Lord Provost and Trustees for their interest, and gave the nurses a short address which was greatly appreciated. The vote of thanks was appropriately seconded by Miss Finn, Matron of the Abbey Hospital, Paisley, the nurses of which raised the money which was the means of originating the Club.

The Rev. M. McGibbon, of Glasgow Cathedral, was then called upon to dedicate the Club and bless its members, after which there was music, and visitors were served with tea.

We congratulate the Scottish nurses on their beautiful Club, and hope that with Miss M. R. Stewart as Secretary, and with a strong committee of management, formed of the nurses themselves, it will develop into headquarters to which Scottish nurses will naturally turn for rest, refreshment and professional help.

### OVERSEAS NURSES' CLUB, EDINBURGH.

For some time past the Overseas Nurses' Club has been in use and greatly appreciated in Rutland Square, Edinburgh, and on Friday, the 13th inst., it was formally opened under the title of King George and Queen Mary Club, at 27, Drumsheugh Gardens, to meet the need of increased accommodation. The Marchioness of Linlithgow, President of the Edinburgh Branch of the Victoria League, which promoted the Club, occupied the Chair, and many influential people supported her on the platform, including Lady Jersey, Mrs. David Wallace (Hon. Sec.) and Miss Hay (Hon. Superintendent).

Lady Linlithgow said that nurses had come from all over the world to give their services, and, if necessary, to risk their lives, to succour the sick and wounded, and in that Club they would have a well-earned rest. No words could adequately express their feelings of gratitude to the nurses for their magnificent courage and endurance during the last four years.

Lady Jersey declared the Club open, and conveyed the grateful thanks of the Victoria League in London to the Edinburgh Branch for the work they had done. Nearly everybody who came from overseas wanted to visit Scotland. One reason of that was that wherever they went they would find Scotsmen doing good, gallant and faithful work. They heard a great deal about a League of Nations, and hoped and trusted it would come into existence.

But there was already a brotherhood of nations. Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, India, Egypt, and all the Crown Colonies joined with the United Kingdom in a brotherhood that would stand together in peace and war.

Surgeon-General Wilson, in the course of a short address, paid tribute to the work of the nurses, and referred particularly to their heroism on the occasion of the bombing of a casualty clearing station at Bailleul and of the base hospitals at Etaples.

A vote of thanks to Lady Jersey, Lady Linlithgow, the Hon. Officers, and other workers, proposed by Dr. M'Kenzie Johnston, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, concluded the proceedings.

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at the Club Rooms, 34, Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Saturday, 7th inst.

The President, Miss Carson Rae, was in the chair. The usual routine business was transacted, and a letter was read from the secretary of the Scottish Nurses' Club, Glasgow, saying that members of the Irish Nurses' Association may have the use of the Club when visiting or passing through Glasgow, without the payment of fee or annual subscription, a courtesy warmly appreciated by all present. New members were elected.

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Secretary.

### TAINTED MONEY.

"Rather than touch a penny of that tainted money resulting from the College of Nursing Victory Ball I'd starve!" writes an indignant Sister; and she adds, "Now that the Billie Carleton inquest has exposed the source of some of the £16,000 profit, many other nurses feel with me."

Anyway, the professional Editor of this JOURNAL sympathises warmly with this expression of opinion.

Miss Billie Carleton was a beautiful young actress who attended the Ball, and who, at about 4 a.m., left in the company of a cinema actor—Lionel Herbert Belcher—Miss Olive Richardson, a Dr. Stewart, Miss Fay Compton, and Lieutenant Barraud. On the journey home to Savoy Court Mansions, Dr. Stewart was dropped near Knightsbridge, and Miss Fay Compton and Lieutenant Barraud were dropped together at her residence in Hereford Square, Belcher and Richardson returned with Billie Carleton, where they breakfasted in her bedroom, leaving the young actress in bed, where she was found sleeping heavily, and later dead, by her maid in the afternoon of the same day.

The inquest on this young girl has been widely reported, and stands adjourned until January 2nd, but the disclosures during the two enquiries

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