

of the proposed Club and the inauguration of the scheme at the Mansion House. He also wished to say how much they appreciated the presence of the different speakers. Lord Morris was a distinguished representative of our Dominions beyond the seas. Lady Ailsa had done a very great deal in connection with the establishment of a Club for nurses in Glasgow, and he knew it was an especial pleasure to the nurses to hear the wife of the man whose driving force had won the war. Admiral Sims represented the great nation whose entry into the war had been a deciding factor in connection with its conclusion, and Dr. McGregor Robertson was a distinguished medical man who had taken a most whole-hearted interest in the nurses. Sir Horace Marshall's year of office promised to be a memorable one, and he hoped that this meeting would be regarded by the nurses as not the least important event in it. He asked the meeting to pass a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor.

This was carried by acclamation, and the Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said how pleased he had been to take the chair. He congratulated Mr. Paterson and the officials of the Corporation on the large attendance at the meeting, which he considered to be an indication of the interest taken in the project.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

*Whilst welcoming communications from its Members the Corporation does not hold itself responsible for individual expressions of opinion.*

#### NURSE MEMBERS SUPPORT THE SCHEME FOR A CLUB.

*To the Secretary.*

DEAR MADAM,—I was very pleased to see the crowded meeting at the Mansion House, especially as so many were nurses. As I believe in doing my "bit" for a scheme of which I greatly approve, I enclose a cheque for £5, the amount I have been in the habit of setting aside each year for amusements. I am giving it for our Club instead, and I hope that others will make some similar sacrifice for the general good.

I am, &c.,

ONE OF THE RANK AND FILE.

DEAR MADAM,—I think it very good of you all to take so much trouble to establish the Club. I always find that those who help themselves get helped. Suppose you ask all the Members for a guinea. By a little self-denial I am sure that we could all subscribe this, and we should enjoy the Club much more if we helped to found it.

Wishing you all success,

I am, &c.,

ALICE CATTELL.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
*Secretary to the Corporation.*

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### THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The members of the Club are, we are informed, thoroughly enjoying the course of lectures which have been arranged. On March 14th, Dr. John Patrick gave a most educative address on "The Treatment of War Wounds." March 19th, "Massage," came under discussion, Mr. Mayland giving the lecture; and on March 28th Dr. Parry will speak on "Orthopaedics." The Annual Meeting is to take place at the Club on March 29th, at 3 p.m., and considering the wonderful success of the movement there is sure to be a record attendance. A circle of Nurses' Clubs in Glasgow, London and Dublin, free from official control, with reciprocity throughout, will do more to make trained nurses useful, liberal minded, sympathetic citizens than any other form of education. The give and take between members, the common interests, the personal responsibility, will inevitably produce finer women—and we want such evolution to make us really fine human creatures. The accusation that nurses as a class are narrow, and self-concentrated, timorous and dissatisfied, and lacking in adaptability, must have no shadow of truth in the future. We must expand mentally.

### THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD AND THE ASYLUM WORKERS' UNION.

#### STATE REGISTRATION OF MENTAL NURSES APPROVED.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board have adopted a report from their General Purposes Committee on the conditions of service of institutional officers. The Report deals at length with the national programme formulated by the Asylum Workers' Union, which is published in full in *The Poor Law Officers' Journal*, from which we cull the following *résumé* :—

Resume in tabular form of the National Programme of the Asylum Workers' Union and the Committee's Recommendations thereon.

- | (a) National Programme of Asylum Workers' Union.   | (b) Committee's Recommendations thereon.  |
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| 1. Hours. — A stipulated working week of 48 hours. | 1. Agreed in principle.   |
| 2. Wages.  | 2. Prepared to confer.  |
| 3. Equal pay for women.                            | 3. Await report of Government Commission.   |
| 4. Payment of inclusive cash wages.                | 4. In force for men. Prepared to consider any general desire on part of female staff. |
| 5. Official recognition of union.                  | 5. Agreed.  |
| 6. Institution of wages or conciliation boards.    | 6. Agree to Whitley scheme.   |
| 7. State registration of mental nurses.            | 7. No objection, subject to agreed standard of qualifications.                        |
| 8. Amendment of Superannuation Acts.               | 8. Prepared to consider.  |

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