

of reconstruction, particularly as regards maternity and child welfare, which were most important matters at a time like this, and would be so in the future. He expressed the hope that when the demands of war charities had come to an end, the claims of that great Institute would reassert themselves. It required all the financial aid it could receive. The Rev. L. Maclean Watt, in seconding, said when one thought of the remote districts of the country and the remote islands, one could not help remembering what the advent of the skilled and cheerful Jubilee Nurse meant in cases of serious illness. The work of the nurses at the present time was of vital importance when every child was a jewel that had got to be saved for the future of the nation, and amongst the best workers for the citizenship of the future, for securing a clean, healthy, straight life, and giving the child a chance, was the Queen's Jubilee Nurse. Dr. Lamond Lackie supported the motion. The nursing profession was, he said, the noblest on earth, and the highest branch of it was that which devoted itself to the nursing of the sick poor as that Institute did. The report was adopted.

At the annual Christmas meeting at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, the nursing staff came in for some well-deserved praise, and it was announced that the reduction of working hours was under consideration, and it was only the lack of bedroom accommodation that had prevented the managers from increasing the number of nurses and thus reducing the working hours. It was necessary to build a considerable addition to the Nurses' Home, and for this funds were urgently required. The question of pensions for nurses was a large one and had not yet been gone into, but Mr. Lawrence Glen and Mrs. Glen had generously given the sum of £1,000 to form the nucleus of a fund to be invested, the income to be available to assist nurses who had been trained in the Western Infirmary and were no longer able for active work.

The Countess of Eglinton and Winton presented the following prizes to the nurses as follows:—March—First prize in medical nursing, Margaret Main Edwards; first prize in surgical nursing, Agnes Leitch Waddell. October—First prize in medical nursing, Margaret Rainnie MacGilvray; first prize in surgical nursing, Elizabeth Neil. The Florence Nightingale Western Infirmary prize—Agnes Leitch Waddell.

"Dearest People," writes our dear Miss Dock, from the United States of America,

"Christmas almost here and the war over! Can you realize it? Isn't it marvellous the way it all ended so suddenly and when Germany still had a huge army!

"How wonderful to think we have seen the downfall of the Romanoffs, Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns! That to me is worth the war, terrible as it was. Without it, the Russians would never have been able to overthrow their tyrants—nor the Germans their monstrous deities embodied in the persons of Wilhelm, Ludendorff and Hindenburg.

"I had to make a little dash back to nursing during the Spanish grippe, as everyone did. I worked in emergency hospitals for nearly a month and then fell ill myself, though not seriously.

"I was deeply distressed to read of Miss Hubrecht's death. She was one of the purest and finest characters in our circle—a true progressive. She wanted to write a 'History of Nursing' in Holland, when the war ended. Too sad her work is cut short.

"Miss Isabel Stewart (Miss Nutting's Assistant) and I are collaborating on a 'Short History of Nursing' that can be used as a textbook in training school work. Miss Stewart thinks it will be useful, as many schools are giving Courses in History. We are working at it now. I can see the usefulness it may have. I am immensely interested in your election with the women's vote. Next week we are making another attempt in Washington to shame our American Prussians!"

American women have worked unceasingly ever since 1848 for Federal enfranchisement. They have won it in many States. Miss Dock—like many of our best women on this side—has been in prison more than once for "shaming American Prussians," who are somewhat indigenuous in the once slave States down South.

### COMING EVENTS.

#### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

*January 11th.*—Conference. "To consider the urgent need for properly-qualified women in all Branches of Public Health Work." Papers by Miss Wise and Miss Alderman. 10, Orchard Street, W. 3 p.m.

*January 16th.*—Lecture. "Lands and Peoples of the Lower Danube." By James Berry, Esq., F.R.C.S., Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, London, W., 2.45 p.m.

*January 18th.*—National Union of Trained Nurses. Meeting of London Branch. Members will relate their war experiences on the different fronts. Lantern slides. Non-members invited. 3, Vere Street, 3 p.m.

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