

At the annual meeting of the Norwich District Nursing Association, held in the Guildhall, a year of progress, both in work and funds, was reported. The headquarters of the Association are at the Cavell Home for District Nurses, an institution which recent events in Norwich have thrown into great prominence. The Lord Mayor, who, as President, was in the chair, said he could not recall any occasion in the whole of his career that caused him to feel more proud of the City of Norwich than he felt last Thursday week, when the remains of a woman whom all the world held in honour—all, that was to say, whose good opinion was worth having—came home to their final resting place. He happened to see in the local paper last week a suggestion which commended itself very much to his judgment, namely, that the monument which, by the exertions of the late Lord Mayor, had been raised to Edith Cavell's memory in Tombland, should be removed from its present position and re-erected over the grave in the Cathedral Close. It seemed to him that that would be a most fitting place for it; and, moreover, it would there be in a quieter and more sequestered spot, and, therefore, would be safer from risk of damage and destruction. He commended his idea to those who had to do with such matters. Coming to the balance sheet, the Lord Mayor said it appeared to him, as a business man, that the position was, in the circumstances, a very satisfactory one. The debit balance of £140 which appeared in the balance sheet of last year was now reduced to such small dimensions that there ought to be no difficulty in wiping it out. A difficult enterprise having been turned into an abundant success, the Association would probably go on from strength to strength till its ultimate position was one of the greatest possible credit to the city of Norwich.

The suggestion from headquarters in London that no nurse ought to be earning a less stipend than £50 a year was welcomed by Canon Bell, but he said there could be no increased stipends without increased funds, and he hoped they would be forthcoming when the work of the excellent institutions had become more widely known. Norwich is a rich and flourishing city; let us hope the increased funds will soon be available from the community.

Mr. Peter Diedrich Stange, of Prince's Gate, S.W., has left an annuity of £80 to Miss Jessie C. Barker, a member of the Nurses' Corporation.

The *Alumnae Record*, Buffalo General Hos-

pital, gives the following "Receipt for Making a Good Nurse":—

"Mix together equal parts of pluck, good health and well-balanced sympathy; stiffen with energy and soften with the milk of human kindness. Use a first-class training school as mixer. Add the sweetness of a smile, a little ginger and generous amounts of tact, humour, and unselfishness, with plenty of patience. Pour into the mould of womanhood, time with enthusiasm, finish with a cap, and garnish with ambition.

The sauce of experience is always an improvement to this recipe, which, if followed closely, should be very successful and exceedingly popular."

We are glad to note that the American Red Cross is encouraging trained nurses to qualify for public health work. The Department of Nursing has done wonders in keeping up the standard of professional nursing in connection with this national service, which, unfortunately, elsewhere has done so much to depreciate skilled nursing, and to substitute for it amateur effort and superficial nursing. The Modern Hospital, U.S.A., announces:—

"The war and the recent influenza epidemic have called attention to the vital need throughout the country for public health nurses. In the hope of inducing many of the twenty thousand nurses soon to be released from the army and navy corps, to take either the eight months' or four months' training in public health nursing, so that future demands for such personnel may be met as far as possible, the American Red Cross has appropriated \$100,000 to be used as a public scholarship fund. At the present time there are only about six thousand public health nurses in the United States, and it is hoped that many of the graduate nurses who will be released from military service may be encouraged to enter this field of work.

The Red Cross public health scholarship fund will be administered by the Department of Nursing. The maximum scholarship for the eight months' course is \$600 and the four months' course \$300. These scholarships will be granted on the recommendation of Red Cross Division Directors of Public Health Nursing, and will be subject to the approval of the Department of Nursing at national headquarters. Additional recommendations will be made by a joint committee representing the three national nursing organizations through their representatives at the Red Cross Bureau of Information in New York City."

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