

opportunity to grow comradeship and loyalty which are the foundations of all professional ideals, and one great ideal you all have in common to dignify your profession. As a corporate group you cannot be outside the greater body of democracy, but must take your place and responsibility in it, not only as nurses, but as women. In conclusion, I would say: Here is your house, your home; in love and gratitude it has been prepared for you. Now it is for you to choose what spirit shall rule it."

The Lord Provost, in declaring the Club open, expressed the opinion that nurses should have a place of refuge and refreshment from the arduous duties they were called upon to perform, and said that among the many virtues with which he endowed the profession, perhaps the one which struck him most was the consistent cheerfulness of the nurses.

The dedication of the Club by the Rev. James McGibbon, of Glasgow Cathedral, then followed.

ADDRESS BY MRS. STRONG.

Mrs. Strong, President of the Scottish Nurses' Association, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Provost from the nurses, and whose speech was received with great cordiality and appreciation, said addressing the nurses:—

"This Club is a most noble gift, one which I hope will mean the parting of the ways out of the old net of narrowness of view and of spirit into the open ground of fellowship and goodwill—not school against school.

"Great as the gift is, it is only the foundation stone, the superstructure lies with yourselves. The whole country has been roused out of its listless, selfish, indifferent attitude towards things in general. Take your share in this new spirit, listen to the best that is in you, and see that you leave a goodly heritage both of word and deed.

"If we begin on right lines developments will take place, evolution being one of the laws of life. Whatever we may do will only meet the demands of the moment, fresh demands will arise with fresh needs, whenever we think we have attained, we shall begin to deteriorate.

"We want this to be an educational centre as well as a place of recreation. You require both. Now that women have the power of voting, I hope one evening in the week will be given to the study of politics and general subjects which affect the general welfare of mankind, so that when your time comes for voting you may do so intelligently.

"The nurses of the Public Health Department of Glasgow, who have by means of a concert and otherwise raised £120, desire the sum to be spent upon library furnishings and books, further donations will be acceptable as we want a library of good professional as well as general literature. I also hope that our staunch friends of the medical profession will give post graduate lectures so that nurses who have left hospital may be kept in touch with the most modern methods of treatment.

"Those of you who are commencing your career are doing so under exceptionally favourable circumstances when the feeling of brotherhood is abroad in a greater measure than ever before, and amongst testimonies of recognition of service this beautiful Club will testify to the generosity of the citizens of Glasgow in giving practical acknowledgment of the services rendered by Scottish Nurses in the hour of our country's need.

"We must not forget the return of our nurses from the battle fronts which will shortly occur; many of them, weary in body and mind, worn out with witnessing such sights as I hope the world may never again see.

I sincerely trust that some means may be devised of giving them a helping hand during the period of waiting before they are fit for, or can obtain, fresh employment.

"And now I ask you to accord a most hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Provost of Glasgow, who has not only honoured us to-day by coming and opening the Club, but who has taken a sympathetic interest in the scheme since its inception. The fund was raised under his Lordship's auspices, and it is due to his exertions that we are in a position to occupy these premises free of debt."

Miss Finn, Paisley, called for a vote of thanks to Lady Ailsa, President of the Club.



MRS. STRONG, THE DOYENNE OF TRAINED HOSPITAL MATRONS.

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