

Nurses, therefore, should not for one moment imagine that the work of their Association is ended. On the contrary, it is rather just beginning, for there are many rights and privileges due to members of one of the recognised professions which the Association will be able to promote or protect. It is only through a strong organisation that the nurses will be able to press for better conditions—an organisation in which there is no interference from unqualified people who know well how to buy and sell nursing labour, but know nothing or next to nothing about scientific nursing themselves. The evils existing in the profession will never be remedied until we are as strongly organised as are the medical profession, until every nurse is animated with some sort of feeling about the rudimentary elements of solidarity. When this feeling becomes general throughout the profession, the gain arising will not be only to the individual nurses, but to the nation at large. We, therefore, press our members, realising the powers for organisation which they possess, through their Royal Charter, to make their Association as widely known as possible, to speak of it to every nurse they know, and thus to build up, themselves, their own organisation for the protection of their profession and the advancement of their own interests. Three years' trained nurses only are admitted to membership of the Corporation, and scrutiny of the qualifications of those desirous of joining it will be as scrupulous as in the past, so that the general public will still continue to regard membership of the Corporation as the hall-mark of a very highly qualified nurse.

MEETINGS.

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Association takes place at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Monday, 21st inst., at 3 p.m.

We also desire to bring to their notice the meeting to be held this (Saturday) afternoon, when Miss Klaassen will speak on the "Organisation of Visiting and District Nursing."

HAMPSTEAD COUNCIL OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

We have received from Mrs. Atherton Earp, M.R.B.N.A., Educational Organiser to the above Council, the Biennial Report for 1918 and 1919. The keynote of the Council's administrative work appears to have been an attempt to combine strict economy with a steady progress in reconstruction. The activities of the Council are evidently exceedingly varied and one can think of no branch of infant welfare work which does not find a place somewhere in its scheme. All kinds of lectures dealing with matters of importance to the mothers have been given, and Mrs. Earp appears to have been particularly energetic in this respect, for we constantly come across her name under very varied subject headings of lectures.

OBITUARY.

MISS BRIDGET KELLY.

AN APPRECIATION FROM ONE OF HER OLD PROBATIONERS.

The nursing profession in Ireland has lost one of its great pioneers through the death of Miss Bridget Kelly, formerly Matron of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin. The sick poor of Dublin and that hospital owe a big debt of gratitude to her splendid organising and administrative powers. She received her certificate of general training from that hospital in 1886 and became its Matron three years later. She was a life Member of the R.B.N.A., a former member of its General Council and she always had a very deep interest in its work. Her last illness was a long and trying one and all her suffering was borne with a cheerful courage and hope that were the admiration of those among us who were privileged to be in touch with her during the last few months of her life. It was a matter of great happiness to her that she saw the cause of State Registration triumph before her death, for she was always enthusiastically in favour of this reform.

Miss Kelly was in every sense a large-minded, large-hearted Matron; one who was never content with less than our best, but there are others besides myself who feel that they owe to her their successful careers, and her memory will ever be held in strong affection and respect by the nurses whom she trained at Dr. Steevens' Hospital.

CECILIA LIDDIATT, M.R.B.N.A.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL MACLEAN, R.N.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Inspector-General Maclean, R.N., who was a member of the General Council of the Corporation. General Maclean was the son of the Rev. Alexander Maclean, D.D., of Kiltarn, Ross-shire. He entered the Royal Navy as an assistant surgeon in 1862, having obtained his commission on August 14th of that year. He served first on Her Majesty's ships *Severn* and *Pantaloan*, and later on the *Challenger*, while on its voyage of scientific exploration round the world. After this he served on various ships and in naval hospitals. In 1883, he was awarded the Gilbert Blane Medal for Naval Officers, and was promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgeon and in 1898 to the rank of Inspector-General.

Dr. Maclean had a very varied career, indeed, and served in almost every part of the empire. One of his most treasured possessions was some beautiful old silver presented to him by H.R.H. the late Duke of Edinburgh. The late Inspector-General took a very close interest in the Association, and was keenly observant of the progress of the Central Committee's Bill last summer. Although very reserved, his quiet courtesy and kindness brought him a very large circle of friends, all of whom held in very high respect this very upright and "very perfect gentleman" of Her Late Majesty's Royal Navy.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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