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SALE OF WORK.

We remind all our readers of the Sale of Work which is to be held at 67, Eaton Place, S.W. 1, the residence of Mrs. Montague Price, on Wednesday, December 15th. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Annuity Fund, will open the Sale at noon and, as Her Royal Highness has the interests of this, the oldest Benevolent Fund for Nurses, so closely at heart, we trust that all nurses who can attend the Sale on the 15th will make a point of doing so, if for no other reason than their sense of indebtedness to the Royal Lady to whom the working nurses of England owe so much. We are aware that it may not be possible for many to be present when Her Royal Highness opens the Sale at noon, but it will last until the evening so that they can attend when their off-duty time allows. The Princess takes a very keen and practical interest in the Fund and we hope to be able to report to her that through the help of the nurses the Sale has been a real success financially. There is no society of nurses who have done so much themselves to provide for the old and sick members of their profession as have the members of the R.B.N.A. The Annuity Fund has been exceedingly healthy since it affiliated with their Association, but there are still many urgent cases whom we are anxious to relieve and once again we come to the R.B.N.A. nurses and those of the affiliated societies with our appeal for the aged and sick of the profession, knowing that we are sure of a response.

We have received some perfectly lovely work of all kinds, the prices are certainly no higher than those in the shops and many really delightful Christmas presents will be obtainable at most moderate cost.

CONGRATULATIONS.

THE OLDEST ASSOCIATION OF NURSES TO THE YOUNGEST.

Many members of the R.B.N.A. have, during the course of the past few days, written to request us to convey to Miss Maude MacCallum, Hon. Secretary of the P.U.T.N. their congratulations on having won her action for libel against *The Hospital* and *The Nursing Mirror*, properties of the Scientific Press, Ltd. Most of the writers couple

her name with that of her Society when sending their messages, and indeed we consider that Miss MacCallum's Union is to be congratulated on having a leader with such splendid courage and such an unselfish devotion to the interests of the working nurses. Many nurses who know Miss MacCallum intimately have felt very deeply the utter cruelty with which the lay-controlled Nursing Press set out to ruin her good name and her movement.

The Royal British Nurses' Association offers to Miss MacCallum and to the Professional Union of Trained Nurses sincere congratulations.

HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT BILL.

We thank our readers for the many letters which we have received in appreciation of our article on the Hours of Employment Bill, and with which their opinions appear to be much in accord.

One doctor, who had a large general practice in the provinces and did much work in military hospitals, commented on our recent article and wrote "It is a good thing that the nurses have some people who can look after their interests for they are incapable of doing it themselves." We hope they are not such invertebrates as he suggests but time will tell. Some say they are "beginning to wake up"; we hope they will before the half-nurses have captured a share of their State Register!

INFANT WELFARE WORK IN THE DEVASTATED REGIONS OF FRANCE.

On Saturday, November 20th, Public Health Nurses who belong to the Association had the pleasure of meeting Lady Hermione Blackwood and Mrs. Breckinridge and, when tea was over, the latter gave a most interesting account of her work among the children in the Devastated Regions of France. A definite area comes under the organisation of which Mrs. Breckinridge is Director, and in it there are several Infant Welfare Centres. At the commencement of her remarks Mrs. Breckinridge, who is an American Graduate nurse, told those present something of the lines on which Public Health Nursing is carried on in America, and her pictures of the Public Health nurse as she

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