

### NURSING ECHOES.

Now that the war is supposed to be over, the Committee of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, of which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is Chairman, and Mrs. Shuter Hon. Treasurer, propose to meet and discuss how this little Fund may keep green in memory the personality of one of the most generous and sympathetic of women, who helped to build up the Profession of Nursing on a sound legal basis, and who would, if she were with us to-day, be receiving the just recognition of her self-sacrifice in its true interests.

The Memorial Fund has an income of £30 from investments, and if spent annually, could support schemes suitable to associate with the name of Isla Stewart, such as the promotion of international intercourse and conference between the world's nurses, which she realised to be educational in the highest degree. The promotion of professional consultation and hospitality at home. Why not pay the railway fares of members of the Bart's League from a distance who otherwise could ill afford to accept the invitation of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales to attend the Educational Conference in London on April 28th, or entertain them to luncheon or tea? The Isla Stewart Oration might well be revived annually. We should like to hear it delivered by Professor M. Adelaide Nutting, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. There are other useful methods of reminding the Nursing Profession of the debt it owes to its pioneers, and which will fire them to follow in uplifting footsteps. Isla Stewart greatly loved books; gifts of finely bound works for Nurses' Libraries which otherwise could not be afforded, would be a gift she would have appreciated for the Nurses' Library she started at St Bartholomew's Hospital. The Bart's League has never yet acquired a worthy Chairman's Chair, and when we remember how greatly she enjoyed presiding over the meetings of the League she founded, the presentation of such a Chair in her name would remind every successor who sat in it, of her great responsibilities and privileges. Indeed, we could go on making innumerable suggestions for keeping her memory green from year to year, as it well deserves to be kept—planting flowers on her grave, as it were, for future nurses to water and keep alive. We are all far too apt to hurry along the sunny material path and forget the graces and greenness of mossy tracks which appear to lead nowhere, but which wind, perhaps in shadow, to the Elysian Fields.

We are informed that the plaintiffs in the recent Hornsey Cottage Hospital libel action will not seek a retrial of their action against Dr. Ingram. It will be remembered that the jury disagreed.

The Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Scottish Nurses' Club, presided at the annual meeting held in the Clubhouse, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, 19th ult. Among those present were Lady Dunlop, convenor of the Committee of Management and of the House Committee, and Miss M. R. Stewart and Miss Hunter, members of the General Nursing Council for Scotland. The annual report, submitted by Miss Stewart, Secretary, stated that in the second full year of the Club's existence its usefulness had been maintained. The shortage of bedroom accommodation had been the chief difficulty, but the members had learned with satisfaction that the trustees had now arranged for an extension of premises by adding a property next door. The report also dealt with lecture courses and with the social activities of the club. The membership now stood at 872, the number of new members being 104. In moving the adoption of the report, the Marchioness of Ailsa said that the club came into existence at a time of soaring prices, but during last year they had been able to convert last year's deficit of £50 in the ordinary account into a credit balance of £76. Their third year therefore started well. There would of necessity be a little delay in entering into possession of the new part of the premises, but knowing the demand for residence accommodation, the management would make this delay as short as possible. The report was adopted and office-bearers appointed, Mrs. A. K. Chalmers and Sir Thomas Dunlop being the new lay members of committee.

Scottish nurses are to be congratulated on the success of their Glasgow Club. It has succeeded because, first of all, it meets an urgent need for residence, and as a social centre it is free to all and gives facilities for expressions of opinion. We greatly need such centres in London. All our little watertight compartments, where cut and dried policies and opinions alone can find expression, are restrictive to professional growth and unity, and are bound to burst up sooner or later—and the sooner the better.

A sale of work in aid of the King Edward Memorial Home for retired nurses in Glasgow and the West of Scotland was held in Oakbank

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