

## MILITARY NURSES' MEMORIAL FUND, Q.A.I.M.N.S. AND T.F.N.S.

Considerable progress has been made with the work of erecting Memorials to the Military Nurses who gave their lives during the War.

Bronze Tablets have been fixed in St. Asaph's Cathedral, North Wales, and in the Garrison Church, Dublin, specially commemorating Welsh and Irish Nurses.

A Memorial will shortly be placed in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, to commemorate the Scottish Nurses; it takes the form of a mural monument about 6 ft. 6 in. high. The centre portion bears the names of 40 nurses who gave their lives; above the panel in the frieze are the badges of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., its Reserve, and T.F.N.S., in silver and enamels. In the pediment above is a bronze statuette of St. Andrew, on either side are palms and laurels interwoven, and below are figures representing Grief and Sacrifice, and Patriotism and Courage. This tablet is the work of Mr. L. F. Roslyn, R.B.S. A replica of this monument has been accepted for exhibition in the Royal Academy, and hung in an excellent position. Many Nurses will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing the Memorial.

A Roll of Honour bearing the names of the English Nurses is in hand and will shortly be placed in the Memorial Chapel in Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Grosvenor Road, S.W. This Memorial will be of alabaster, in accordance with the Memorials already in the Chapel; the names will be in gilt, and the badges of the Service in enamel.

The suggestion of a gift to the Kitchener Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral, in memory of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., its Reserve, and T.F.N.S. Nurses who gave their lives has been accepted by the Committee of the Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund, and will probably take the form of a marble figure of St. George, a tablet also being placed in the Chapel signifying the object of the gift.

The Military Nurses' Memorial Fund is still open and any members who have not yet contributed and are desirous of so doing should forward their subscription to Messrs. Holt & Co., 3, Whitehall Place, S.W. Subscriptions should be marked for Military Nurses' War Memorial Fund.

The sum already subscribed by the Members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S., its Reserve, and T.F.N.S. amounts to £2,000.

### TEA TABLE TALKS.

The first of the series of "Tea Table Talks for Nurses," arranged by the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union, was held on Wednesday, April 20th, at 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, and proved very enjoyable. The series is being continued weekly, and on April 27th there was a discussion on "What the Nurses' Union Ought to Do, and Why it Doesn't." Nurses heartily welcome.

M. MORTISHED, *Secretary.*

## THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer, at 2, Portland Place, on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m.

There was a large attendance of members. The President (Miss Heather-Bigg, R.R.C.) was in the chair.

Many letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting were received.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; applications for membership were received, and the ladies nominated were elected on to the Council.

Miss A. E. Hulme, Hon. Secretary, presented her annual report, which had been delayed owing to her absence abroad.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Beatrice Cutler for her kindness in undertaking the work whilst Miss Hulme was in Denmark.

A communication was received from the Royal British Nurses' Association and action taken thereon.

Upon the termination of business a most interesting address was given by Miss Isabel Macdonald on "The Royal British Nurses' Association's Club and its Place in Professional Organisation."

Miss Macdonald spoke of the need of a Club as Headquarters, and as a social centre for the members of the Association, and of the interest taken by its President, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Christian, in the efforts to secure a suitable house.

The Association had been fortunate in securing the lease of 194 Queen's Gate, formerly used as Queen Mary's Hostel for War Nurses, the Committee of which had most generously handed over the whole of the beautiful furniture to the Association.

The members were delighted to possess a real home of their own, one where they could entertain their friends with the greatest pleasure and pride.

She hoped its organisation would grow, and that it would help to bind up the profession, both at home and in the Dominions, in one united whole.

She invited all present to join.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in moving a vote of thanks to Miss Macdonald, said it was an open secret that if it had not been for her promptitude they would not have secured the Club. She spoke of the need for an endowment fund and hoped Miss Macdonald would have the enthusiastic support of the members in her arduous task.

Miss Anderson Parsons said, if built on a secure foundation, she hoped the Club would have the future they anticipated, and become the centre for England and all the Dominions in our profession.

The members then were entertained to tea by Mrs. Walter Spencer, who dispensed her charming hospitality in the manner for which she is justly famed.

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