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THE ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

DINNER AT 194, QUEEN'S GATE.

The first social gathering to be held at the new Club was the dinner of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work on May 28th last. It appears that the members of the Committee of this very youthful society had made up their minds some weeks ago that it was going to "lead off" in the arrangements for such functions, and are now congratulating themselves on having carried through the first very successfully indeed. Miss Cutler had arranged for an excellent dinner to be provided and the guests round the various tables seemed to find many interests in common.

When dinner was over, the toasts of "The King" and "The Princess Christian" were proposed by the Chairman and the Acting Hon. Secretary respectively.

Dr. King Brown, D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health for Bermondsey, in proposing the toast of "The Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work," said that he considered that there was no qualification of so much value, when choosing Health Visitors and other Public Health Workers, as the certificate of three years' training in hospital. He caused considerable amusement when he reminded the nurses that their Association came under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, as it was not five years old; he, therefore, held that it should be "well visited," and that the nurses should unite in helping it through the critical years of early life to a strong and useful maturity. Dr. King Brown gave some particulars regarding Health Work in his own borough, and his description of this as the paradise of health visitors did not seem wide of the mark when he quoted the salaries given there. He coupled his toast with the name of Miss Florence Wise, Chairman of the Association.

In responding to the toast, Miss Wise emphasized the need for Trained Nurses in Public Health to join their own Society and thereby to strengthen its efforts to safeguard their interests. It had done most useful work in this respect, and that its work was appreciated was evidenced by the

fact that it had now members in Australia, America and Newfoundland.

Mrs. Earp, Superintendent of Welfare Centres in Hampstead, proposed the toast of "The Guests." This, she said, might be regarded as the first birthday party of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work. It gave her particular pleasure to see so many members of the medical profession in the room that evening. Dr. Stark Currie, in replying, made one of the very humorous speeches for which he is famous; The Club was a glorious home for the nurses. It had given him immense pleasure during the last few days to inform all the friends he met that he was to be dining in that very aristocratic quarter (Queen's Gate) on Saturday, and he, for one, would have very great pleasure in attending all the birthday parties of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work. Dr. Currie closed with the words of the old Scotch toast: "Here's to you and yours, for a' (all) the guid (good) that you and yours has done to us and oors (ours), and if ever you and yours comes the way of us and oors, us and oors will dae (do) as muckle for you and yours as ever you and yours wud for us and oors."

The toast of "The Royal British Nurses' Association's Club" was proposed by Miss Le Geyt in one of her most sparkling speeches. She referred those present to a gem of a recent editorial in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, showing how wide were the opportunities which the new Club opened up for the profession; in the matter of hospitality and attractiveness it came second to none, and she knew that it would play a great part in the future history of nursing. She hoped that she might be forgiven for repeating a story which a little bird brought to her ears one day. The Royal President of the Chartered Association of Nurses had remarked to one of its members recently that her Association "always came out on top," and this member had immediately replied, "and, may it please your Royal Highness, this time it is coming out tip top." That, said Miss Le Geyt, is what everyone feels to-night. All success to the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club!

Mr. Herbert Paterson proposed the toast of "the Nurses," and when replying to this, Miss Breay congratulated the Public Health Nurses

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