

Association. The Procession marched briskly, to the delight of dancing children, lovely little creatures, who promised Daddy's vote for Barnett "to please the nurses!"

Amongst the eager canvassers in this constituency were Councillor Beatrice Kent—a Chairman of Committee—very resplendent in her lovely car decked with ribbons of royal blue; Miss Breay and Miss Angel, of the *B.J.N.*; Miss Isabel Macdonald, and the Misses Hulme, Cattell, Liddiatt, Dempster, J. Jackson, Bennett, Birse, Cassidy, Clapp, Dennam, Donaldson, Drennen, Fox, Giffen, Lowe, Trevena, Whyte, and Gordon-Wright of the *R.B.N.A.*, who were assisted in the work of canvassing by Misses Gedge, Mitson, Foster, Booth, and Solomon; Misses Dunsford, *A.R.R.C.*, Elizabeth Thompson and Wadsworth, of the *R.N.S.*, and several Sisters from the Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road.

When the poll was closed the result was awaited with a delightful sense of confidence, and it was just too bad that we had to trot home through the fog at 2 a.m. without the announcement of victory on the screen.

Other London constituencies in which the nurses interested themselves were St. George's, Westminster, in which district the Offices of the Nurses' Parliamentary Council and the *R.B.N.A.* are situated. Here the very able Duchess of Somerset gave a splendid lead, and in gratitude for the support given to nursing questions by Mr. J. Monteith Erskine, Independent Unionist, notably in voting against Rule 9 (A) when thrust through Parliament by the late Minister of Health, we whipped up quite a substantial number of votes, which helped to swell his fine majority of 3,693.

We need only note in passing that Mr. C. E. Leonard Lyle (West Ham, Stratford), the champion wrecker of Major Barnett's Bill on the Report Stage, at the behest of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was handsomely beaten by Labour, and that we failed to meet any College nurses in the East End canvassing for him as a *quid pro quo* for his reprehensible services!

We welcome the Conservative majority at this critical moment in our Empire's affairs—men versed in world politics are an urgent necessity—but we also welcome the increased returns of our very good friends in the Labour Party, to whom we have never appealed in vain for generous treatment for nurses. We feel sure a sense of responsibility will inspire "Labour" from the dignified coign of vantage, the Front Opposition Bench.

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## NURSING ECHOES.

Please study our back Cover Page.

We have to thank quite a number of friends for sending subscriptions to the Independent Candidates' Fund, for expenses in connection with the General Nursing Council Election. But we want more. Printing, paper, and stamps are still at profiteering prices. If every nurse who loves liberty of conscience and detests autocracy and bureaucracy will send us One Shilling we shall have ample funds for our purpose. Send to Miss M. Breay, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

The War Office announce that a regular member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service or Queen Alexandra's Military Families' Nursing Service retired for age, if suffering from a wound or injury attributable to military service, may receive an addition to retired pay or gratuity at the rate of £100 a year for total disability and a proportionate rate for less disability down to 20 per cent.

A temporary member who is found on cessation of her employment to be suffering from a disability attributable to service may be granted retired pay on the same scale.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1, is to open its Birthday Week this year by an evening "At Home" on Monday, November 27th, from 8 to 10 p.m., for which Miss Mayers has sent out invitations. During Birthday Week the Club will keep open house from 3.30 to 6 p.m., when some fine music will be rendered.

On Wednesday, November 28th, the Annual Meeting of members will be held at 3.30 in the afternoon, when the members will be able to elect three of their number on to the Committee.

On Saturday, December 2nd, goods left at the Club will be on view, and if not claimed will be sold.

On Sunday there will be some delightful music, and Mrs. C. E. Knight-Bruce will speak on "Does the Pig make the Sty?"

Money is needed for renovations and repairs. It is ever thus.

Miss Mayers ends her hopeful letter as Secretary of the Club with the quotation all nurses might take to heart:—

"Time there was—but it is gone;

Time there may be—who can tell?

Time there is to work upon:

Help us, Lord, to use it well."

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