

THE OVERSEAS NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Overseas Nursing Association was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 21st, at Kent House, Knightsbridge, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Saxton Noble. The arrival of the Prince of Wales synchronizing with the time, was the cause of the regrettable absence of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice (Patroness of the Association), who had promised to honour the meeting with her presence. The Right Hon. the Viscount Gladstone, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., presided.

In moving the adoption of the twenty-sixth annual report, Dr. Andrew Balfour, C.B., C.M.G., M.D., gave a very interesting and satisfactory survey of the work done by this excellent society during the period of its existence, punctuating the contrast between 1897—the year of initiation—and the present year. Tragedies, he said, had occurred to people living in our Dominions Overseas, who could not obtain the services of skilled nursing and care—more especially was this so in maternity cases. The report stated that one name has been added to the Roll of Merit during the year, that of Miss M. G. Halkett, who has done most excellent work as Nurse Matron in the Maternity Home, Seychelles, since 1911; before that she served in South Africa, from 1901–1908. Seven Silver Bars and Ribands have been presented to Matrons and Nurses on completing ten years of meritorious service, bringing the number up to sixty-four. Eight Nursing Sisters were awarded the Silver Badge on completing five years' service. The number of Nurses who are in possession of this distinction is now 179.

The Hon. Mrs. Gideon Murray seconded the adoption of the report. She remarked with gratification that 112 Nurses had been sent out this year, as compared with six in the year 1897.

The Overseas Dominions are co-operating with the Imperial Government for an extensive scheme of emigration, Canon Carnegie told the audience, and foreshadowed that a corresponding enlargement of the Association would be necessary, and pleaded consequently for greater financial support. Its object is to be enabled to send a Nurse out to English families in any part of the world, as well as to hospitals.

Dr. Arthur Stanley, formerly Commissioner of Public Health, Shanghai Municipal Council, also spoke.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks moved from the chair to H.R.H. Princess Beatrice for her kind intention to be present; and also to the hostess, Mrs. Saxton Noble, for so kindly lending her beautiful house. B. K.

The well known firm of Walter Judd, Ltd., Advertising Agents, 97, Gresham Street, Bank, London, E.C.2, have vacated those offices owing to the termination of their lease, and their address will henceforth be 81–87, Gresham Street, E.C.2. Their telephone number will remain the same—London Wall 3651.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the College of Nursing (Limited) was held in the hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, on Thursday, June 22nd. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman, Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, presided.

Sir Arthur Stanley, having called upon the Secretary to read the Minutes, said that as the printed report was in the hands of the members, he only intended to touch upon certain points. With regard to the Unemployment Insurance Act, that nurses had been exempted, was a real test of the power and scope of the College. They had been able to get the signatures of 35,000 nurses who wished for exemption under the Act, they had been able to obtain exemption for nurses.

Their next piece of work must be to evolve a national superannuation scheme on a contributory basis, and he asked Matrons to consider what could be done, and put their suggestions before the Council.

He impressed upon the members of the College the necessity of registering at once. It was essential that the College members should be placed upon the State Register as soon as possible, as unless their names were on the list before the end of September they would not be able to vote, and the business of the Profession might fall into the hands of a handful of the Profession.

He went on to say that, owing to a grant of £500 given by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, they had been enabled to establish a professional nursing library at Headquarters.

Great progress had been made with regard to Scholarships, several had been endowed from outside sources, and he stated that there had been no Scholarships until the College came into existence.

He referred to the virulent and disgraceful attacks made upon the College by a small section. He assured the members that the only object of those working for the College was to do what they could to help nurses, but that they had received a great deal of abuse—mostly anonymous—from a small section of nurses.

He said that the next thing he was going to say did not emanate from himself, but from the Secretary, who was of the opinion that the members did not read the "Bulletin," as very often they wrote to the Office asking questions which had already been answered in their paper.

They were keeping the College Register up to date, and many Authorities were accepting their scale of salaries.

One hundred and fifty Insurance policies had been taken out by their members, and the Nation's Fund for Nurses had obtained its object, and the hundred thousand pounds they had set out to obtain had already been passed.

The question of salaries for Health Visitors was at present receiving the attention of the Public Health Advisory Committee, which had been set up for more than a year. In fact, he

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