

Collett, 2s. 6d.; Miss Filley, Mrs. Gurnet, 2s.; Miss L. Wallace, 1s. 6d.; Misses Blomfield, Clyers, Crowsley, Fenning, James, Maclean, Martin, Saunders, Winter, and Mrs. Holdsworth, 1s.

#### SETTLEMENT FUND.

Mr. Tavener, £2; Miss H. Lamb, £1 7s. 6d.; Miss Flint, £1 1s.; Lord Leverhulme, £1; Miss Rockett, £1; Misses Burgoyne, Cormack, Rositer, 10s.; Miss Watkins, 6s.; Misses Birch, N. Stewart, Mrs. Boake, and Mrs. Collett, 5s.; Mrs. Maasch, Miss Pledger, 2s. 6d.; Miss Hopkins, Mrs. Holdsworth, 1s.; "Anon," 1s.

We have also to acknowledge a contribution to the Settlement Fund amounting to £45, collected by Miss M. Dempster, who always takes such a warm interest in our benevolent schemes. This sum includes a generous donation of £10 10s. from Mr. Montagu Price, Chairman of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund.

#### GIFTS FOR THE CLUB.

Miss Anderson, flowers; Lady Burkett, turkey; Miss Booth, holly; Miss Cattell, plants and flowers; Miss Collins, goose; Miss Denham, "Scotch bun"; Miss Gilligan, turkey, butter and eggs; Miss Glover, crackers; Miss Goodrich, game and holly; Miss Henderson, game; Miss Kelly, "Scotch bun"; Miss Miller, "Scotch bun"; Mrs. Hayes Palmer, crackers; Mrs. Perkins, flowers; Miss Robertson, flowers; Miss Sadleir, cakes; Miss Swaby Smith, cake and flowers; Miss Gordon Wright, fruit.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

### NEW TREATMENT OF GENERAL PARALYSIS.

Professor Alexander Pilcz, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology in the University of Vienna, gives a very interesting description in the *Lancet* of a new treatment for general paralysis by Dr. von Wagner, which is as follows:—

"A patient is selected who suffers from tertian malaria (but not from tropical malaria), and who has not been treated by quinine (in order to avoid quinine-fast stems of plasmodies). During an attack of fever 2 c.cm. of blood are taken from the patient by venous puncture, and injected underneath the skin of the paralytic patient's back. After from one to two weeks, on an average, the first attack takes place, accompanied by shivering; the temperature rises to 40° C. and over. After some 10 or 12 attacks the malaria is checked by quinine during the first three or four days (0.5 g. quinine sulphate twice a day or three or four days, and then once daily for two weeks); at the same time a course of neosalvarsan is begun (intravenous injections once a week, commencing with 0.3 g., and working up to 0.6 g.). During the malarial attacks acoustic hallucinations, ideas of persecution, delirious and catatonic states are occasionally noticed, but all these symptoms will cease when the quinine cure is started."

### THE ELECTION OF THE NURSES' DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

#### SELF-GOVERNMENT OR SERVITUDE.

The various candidates for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have sent out a second notice to the constituency. The Independent Candidates have placed their policy before the electorate in a considered and outspoken Address. The College Candidates have merely informed it that they are considered "best qualified to carry out a programme of steady, constructive work!" and this from persons, who, since they eliminated the constructive registrationists from the Standing Committees of the Council, have failed not only to construct one item for the benefit of Registered Nurses, but have done all in their power to stultify the work accomplished by the nurses' representatives during 1920-1921.

That the College has put forward Miss Bremner, a partly-trained private nurse, who is a member of the College Council, "to represent" the highly-qualified three years' trained certificated nurses, now engaged in private nursing throughout the kingdom, is an insolent attack upon the status of women engaged in this most responsible and honourable branch of nursing.

Again, was the attempt by Miss Cox-Davies to deprive thousands of our most highly-qualified nurses of the record of certificates on the published Register constructive work? Never has a more autocratic, ill-judged, disintegrating suggestion been made by one nurse for others.

Then, after spending twelve months in constructing the Syllabus of General Training, to which every future nurse has a right by Act of Parliament, is it *constructive* or *destructive* to attempt to deprive the Nursing Profession of such a privilege by a subterfuge?

Again, after two-and-a-half years' work, why have we:

- No Published Register?
- No Protected Uniform or Badge?
- No Titular Letters agreed?
- No Syllabus of Training in force?
- No efficient clerical organisation in our Office?

Why are thousands of nurses who applied for registration in August and September still unregistered and thus illegally deprived of their Vote although they are paying a huge clerical staff of 30 persons? And why have nurses to wait six months for their Certificates of Registration, and then find them deprived of a professional signature, which all hospital certificates of any value possess?

If this is "steady constructive work," Heaven help us!

We reply without hesitation that our rights and privileges under the Act have been trifled with in the most deplorable manner, because the majority of the General Nursing Council knew nothing about the Organisation of the Nursing Profession provided in the Act. They are unable

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