

word or two on the psychological effect of the uniform. There is an illicit influence amongst us which favours "mufti." Patients wonder at the trained nursing sister's preference often for civilian clothes, which seem to suggest to their minds that she is somehow ashamed of her calling? Of course, this is not so, but it will interest my young readers to hear the opinion of the man in the street, just because they represent to him the embodiment of dignity and nobility. In the past our uniform was open to grave abuses, but now that a *Uniform Registered by the State* is within sight, which none but Registered Nurses may wear, except under a heavy penalty, it is to be hoped the whole Profession will realise the honour of wearing it. It is the uniform of the King as surely as that worn by our Navy and Army. If we don't love the uniform, there is something wrong with our mental attitude towards our Profession! Think of the traditions circling round the Navy and the record of the most famous regiments of the Army, and the gallant service which is the result of that *esprit de corps*, and apply the analogy to ourselves! The honour of our uniform is a great thing; I nearly said, the greatest thing!

By our ideals we advance, however short we come of their realisation. So let us aim high, that life may not be drudgery, but all it can become to those who are in earnest.

CLUB FIXTURES.

We must shortly commence to arrange the various lectures and entertainments at the Club for the winter season, and we shall be exceedingly glad to receive suggestions from members in connection with the programme. It is good to have its items as varied as possible and it will be of the greatest help if the members will take an interest in our activities and will let us have their views on what would be likely to please and interest them. If members would like lectures on any special subjects perhaps they will let us know, and we may be able to arrange for these. The Dramatic Society hopes to give an entertainment during the autumn, but the production of a play requires a great deal of very hard work and also energetic organisation, so that we are not yet able to say on what date we may come to the footlights. Miss Parsons has very kindly promised to give us an entertainment shortly to help with the heavy expenses of the Dramatic Society, and we look forward to hearing again her splendid recitations from Kipling. Miss Aughton has undertaken to get up one musical evening, and Miss Cattell hopes to organise a concert. We hear rumours, too, that when the holidays are over we shall be called upon to start making arrangements for our annual dance.

GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Misses Anderson, Bevan, Bishop, Forbes, Rooke, and Rowan, flowers; Miss Dempster, magazines and illustrated papers; Miss Holmes, music.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

We remind our members that we are to have the usual Sale of Work for the Annuity Fund in the late autumn, and we shall be very grateful if they will all take part in helping to make this a great success. We are quite sure that they would, if they could only read some of the letters which we receive from those who are receiving annuities from the Fund. Over and over again we are told by these nurses that, but for what they receive from the Fund, they would have had cause to lose hope altogether. Some members may feel that a gift more or less makes little difference, but if everyone had thought on these lines each year, when we appealed for gifts for the Sale, the Fund would have been considerably poorer to-day, and we should not have had our present long list of annuitants now numbering over sixty. The money we receive from the Sale of Work is set aside and invested in order that it may form a part of the capital from which a new annuity will be started and every time the Council are able to establish a fresh annuity it means that one more nurse is relieved from the anxiety which arises from inadequate resources and from the pain of finding herself dependent upon friends. We will be so glad if nurses will do all they can to interest friends in the Sale of Work, and we shall have pleasure in sending them leaflets for distribution if they desire these. They can have every confidence that the gifts sent us will be productive of great benefit to the sick and aged nurses, especially as the expenses of organisation are very small. There are no salaried officials and no expenses for rent, so that, except for such expenses as postage, printing and audit fees the whole of the income of the Fund goes directly to those whom it is intended to benefit.

DONATIONS.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Miss A. Shorter, £1; Miss Mary Stuart Donaldson, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Robson, R.R.C., 9s. 6d.; Miss Elsie Turner, 6s. 6d.; Miss A. Clements, 5s.; Miss Coote, 5s.; Mrs. Powdrell, 5s.; Miss E. Gosling, 2s. 6d.

CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND.

Lady Mitchell, £5 5s.; Miss Conway, £3 3s.; Miss Alice Boldero, £2 2s.; Miss Edith Mawe, £1; Miss C. Bainbridge, 11s. 4d.; Miss Cureton, 10s. 6d.; Miss A. Armstrong, 10s.; Miss E. Brodie, 9s. 6d.; Misses Graham, Lawrence, and Flora Macdonald, R.R.C., 5s. each; Miss F. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Miss Eva Talbot, 1s.

SETTLEMENT FUND.

Miss Alice Humphrey, £10; Miss I. Gowing, £2 2s.; James Berry, Esq., £1; Mrs. Dowdeswell, Miss Swaby Smith, and Mrs. Temple-Mursell, £1 1s. Miss Diver, Mrs. Northwood, Mrs. Scott, and Miss Villiers, £1; Miss R. Gannon, 10s.; Miss Piper, 12s.; Mrs. Lelian and Misses Burleigh, Gilbert-Jones, Havers and Selby, 10s.

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