

NURSING ECHOES.

As previously announced, it has been arranged that the Sale of Work for the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will commence at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., and we ask our readers to tell their friends about it and to help make it a success in every way they can. Gifts will be gratefully received by Miss Isabel Macdonald, the Hon. Secretary of the Fund.

The recently formed Perth Nurses' Club, 5, Atholl Crescent, was formally opened on November 2nd, in presence of a large and representative gathering.

The chair was occupied by the Lady Helen Tod, President of the Club, and among others were the Countess of Moray, who performed the opening ceremony; Councillor Miss Stewart Richardson, Convener of the Management Committee; and Miss Thomson (Matron of the Royal Infirmary), Convener of the House Committee.

The new venture was given a good send-off by the reading of a telegram of congratulation and good wishes from the Scottish Nurses' Club, Glasgow.

Lady Helen Tod said the idea of a Club was thought of some years ago, but until the spring of 1922 no active steps were taken. As a result of a fancy dress ball and a bazaar a sum of £2,000 was raised. It was, however, soon recognised that subscriptions from the nursing community alone would never meet the needful expenditure, and it was decided to open the membership to other professional and non-professional women at increased subscriptions. In this way a wider outlook of the Club's interest had been achieved without detracting from the benefits of the nurses. For a very small charge any member, if a room was vacant, could sleep either for one night or longer, if desired. Breakfast, lunch, tea, and supper could also be had, and members could bring friends, ladies or gentlemen. The membership was 108 nurses, 32 other professions, and 62 non-professional.

The Countess of Moray said that when she received the invitation to open the Nurses' Club she rather hoped that she would receive a golden key with which to unlock the door. Her hopes had not been realised, so she had provided herself with a key, which she found opened most doors, and that was the golden key of sympathy. Every nurse knew what a valuable possession that key was, the key of

true sympathy, which gave comfort and healing, and gave fresh life and hope to many when courage had well-nigh failed. That afternoon the nurses were foremost in their thoughts, and although they might not fully realise how very arduous a nurse's work might be, she thought they could always sympathise, and they had sympathy with them in their wish for a quiet home-like place in which to spend part of their leisure hours. She trusted that there the nurses would find all they needed to enable them to return to their work refreshed and strengthened, and so more fit to give their very best in unselfish services for others. Wishing every success to that new venture, she had much pleasure in declaring the Perth Nurses' Club open.

Mr. John Little, on behalf of the trustees, gave a short and encouraging financial report.

On the call of Miss Thomson (Matron of the Perth Royal Infirmary), Lady Helen Tod, the office-bearers and trustees of the Club were cordially thanked for their practical assistance in helping to found the Club, and taking part in the opening ceremony.

We hope the nurses will take a real live interest in the Club, and use it for increasing *esprit de corps* and mutual help, as well as for rest and recreation.

Among the most enjoyable functions in the nursing world are the Reunions of the Nurses of Training Schools. The Annual Reunion of the Nursing Staff of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, will be held in the Trades House, Glassford Street, Glasgow, on Friday, December 7th, when there will be a Reception at 6.45, followed by the Reunion Dinner at 7.45. Last year we had the pleasure of being present at this Reunion, which was a most delightful and inspiring function.

Tickets for the forthcoming Dinner, price 10s. 6d., can be obtained from the Matron, the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, for which application must be made before December 1st. Copies of the new issue of the *G.R.I. Nurses' League Journal*, price 1s., will be on sale during the evening.

The League of Red Cross Societies is circulating from Paris the following letter from "The Comité du Monument de la gloire des *Infirmières françaises et alliées victimes de leur devoir, 1914-1918*":—

You are no doubt aware of the subscription list opened by Mme. Juliette Adam to erect a monument in honour of the French and Allied nurses. We have collected about a hundred and

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