

The facts that the Nurses' Bazaar was so successful in spite of all the drawbacks that the Clerk of the Weather could furnish, and that the Ladies' Linen League is increasing in membership and service, are only fresh examples of the happening of "just what one would expect!" The ladies always do seem to carry things through in the most remarkable and efficient manner. Especially if they have a good leader—as they had in Miss Cummins. The Linen League speaks for itself.

On Thursday, July 19th, the Duchess of York visited the Cheyne Hospital for Children, Chelsea, where an open-air roof ward for sun treatment was opened by the Countess of Cromer. Her Royal Highness went through the wards and greatly delighted the children by speaking sympathetically with them.

The determination on the part of persons of influence in the Red Cross organization to thrust shoals of V.A.D.s upon the State Register of Nurses was apparent within a few months of the opening of the Register, and its degradation was foreshadowed both in the recommendation of Dr. Goodall and the Registration Committee to the General Nursing Council in December last, and in the letter of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., dated December 29th, addressed to that body,

At the annual general meeting of the South London Hospital for Women, South Side, Clapham Common, Miss Clemence Dane, the novelist and playwright, sounded a warning note. She said she could not tell them anything about the work of the hospital, but she could tell them about its influence amongst women, and more especially amongst the women of the future. Woman—the most important creature in the whole Universe—had, during the last few years, had an enormous change in her position in the civilised world. She had assumed an equality with man without having the physical strength of man to maintain her position. A woman worked on nerves and spirit, and failed because she did not know how to economise her energies. She believed that unless something was done woman would "smash." It was such institutions as the South London Hospital which were helping to prevent that.

It takes a considerable time to "smash" members of our Profession, but of late we note many colleagues who are attempting to perform their public duty to their Profession as

well as their arduous routine duty, are heading towards "smash." It is often a choice between conscience and physical capacity.

The Executive Committee of the Cornwall County Nursing Association in their annual report make the following statement:—"Each year we hope that the supply of trustworthy, efficient nurses will equal the demand made by our District Nursing Associations, but during the last twelve months we have experienced more than the usual difficulties in filling our vacancies. We realise that until a much larger sum is available for salaries, which might induce more highly qualified women of wide education and experience to take up the work, the only solution of the difficulty is our old policy of training as district nurses an adequate number of our own Cornish women, who understand and appreciate our people, our habits, and our country hills and vales."

The Executive Committee present this as the principal difficulty which has faced the work of the association during the year. The cost of maintaining the District Associations was £18,531, and total receipts, including County Council and Government grants, amounted to £18,903.

A house at Weybridge has been taken by the Red Cross for nurses who served in the war who are incapacitated from work.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Margaret Breay, the Hon. Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, whose wise financial control has kept expenditure well within income for so many years, has left for Copenhagen to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council. The Agenda includes a three-days' Conference, but no one who is not a member of the Executive Committee can preside or take part in its proceedings. This, no doubt, will be made clear to ladies attending for Conference purposes.

Miss H. L. Pearse, one of the four delegates for Great Britain and Ireland on the Grand Council of the International, accompanied Miss Breay, and as both ladies have been intimately connected with the wonderfully successful growth of the International Council of Nurses, their experience and opinions will be of great value now that we have lost the guiding genius of Miss Lavinia L. Dock.

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