

"The snowdrops just carpeted the ground, primroses and polyanthus were in bloom, and a thrush was singing sweetly as she was lowered to her last resting place.

"Quite a number of relatives and friends were present, not a few who knew her in her childhood days amongst the number.

"The wreaths and flowers were beautiful, and carried with them inscriptions which spoke volumes of love and appreciation."

A beautiful cross of pink and white tulips was inscribed "In grateful remembrance of a noble life from three old friends—Bedford Fenwick, Ethel G. Fenwick, and Margaret Breay," and another: "With deep affection from Members of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society."

Miss Cartwright was a Member of the Matrons' Council, and of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Beloved by many, honoured by all who knew her, she has passed to her rest an example of uprightness and honourable dealing to all who come after. Would that there were many of such singleness of purpose and high professional ideals as were demonstrated in her noble life of duty well performed, of quiet beauty, and purity of action. Never more than at present were they needed in our Profession.

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THE NATIONAL HEALTH.

A NEST OF PROBLEMS.

The Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, who was recently the Guest of Honour at the Criterion Restaurant, of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association, responding to the toast of the evening—the health of the guest—said, as reported in *The Times*, that the conception of a garden city seemed to penetrate rather slowly into the British mind. People did not seem to understand that a garden city was an independent community owning the land upon which it was settled, having its own industries, and giving employment to its own people, and having such an admixture of agricultural land as enabled it, at any rate, to produce a good part of the food it consumed. This conception, so simple, so far-reaching, so beneficent, and so practical, must ever be associated with honour with the name of Mr. Ebenezer Howard. The housing problem was really a nest of problems, and to anyone who had laid upon his shoulders the responsibility of solving them, the garden city must appeal with irresistible force. The problem now was not merely replacing old or bad houses by new ones, but something much more difficult. It was essentially a redistribution of population.

Housing experts and reformers, he continued, were being implored to give consideration to the erection of barrack-like flats or tenements in order that they might provide for at least a larger number of people to be housed near the factories in which they did their work. They might improve those flat and tenements as they liked. They might furnish them with lifts, roof gardens, and laundries, and staff them with supervisors and caretakers, but they would always remain an abomination. No one could compare those unnatural conditions into which the inhabitants were forced, with the two-storey and one-storey cottages out in the open country, and with the sun, space, air, and health that could be enjoyed by those fortunate to live in them.

So far as his desires and inclinations were concerned, he wished to assure them that he needed no pressing in this movement. He was a convinced believer in the ideals for which the Association stood. He looked upon them as an ultimate solution of the problem of housing in this country; and he would be proud to do anything he could to forward the movement and make it even more successful than it had hitherto been.

NURSING ECHOES.

We hope that those nurses in England and Wales who are eligible to go on the State Register as Intermediate Nurses, and have so far procrastinated, will lose no further time, but at once make application. The period of grace ends in July next, after which time no nurse, however well qualified, can obtain admission to the Register without passing the State Examination. It is a matter of the utmost importance to every nurse. The address of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is now 20 Portland Place, W.1.

Princess Helena Victoria recently attended a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., at which Sir Harold Boulton, Chairman of the Council, presided, and presented Long Service Badges to the following Queen's Nurses of various grades.

Miss Catharine M. Wills (Inspector for Lancashire), Miss Annie M. Barlow (Superintendent, West Home, Liverpool), Miss Sarah E. Morris (Superintendent, Lincolnshire C.N. Association), Miss Agnes Tyson (Superintendent, Barry D.N. Association), Miss Mathilde Bull (Dartford), Mrs. Kate Henrys (Petersham), Miss Mabel S. Hewitt (St. Neots), Miss Annie Horrocks, Miss Violet E. Hunt (Reading), Miss Sara Jones (Consett), Miss Adella C. M. Lowman (St. Ives), Miss Ellen S. Myers (Cardiff), Miss Louisa E. Randall (Alford), Mrs. Georgina A. Yeadon (Failsworth).

Sir Harold Boulton was re-elected Chairman of the Council and Sir William Hale White Vice-Chairman. Reference was made to the resignation of Miss Rosalind Paget, of her seat as representative of the Institute on the Central Midwives Board, and to the loss it sustained thereby, and a vote of thanks accorded to her for her services. Mrs. Bruce Richmond was appointed to succeed Miss Paget.

Mrs. Frank Stobart and Colonel Pixley were re-elected hon. treasurers, and Lady March, Mrs. Bruce Richmond, the Hon. C. N. Bruce, and Mr. D. F. Pennant, hon. secretaries.

The report to the Patron, Queen Alexandra, was passed, and showed most satisfactory progress in all branches of the work.

It is always a pleasure to take tea at the Mansion House in the City of London. Lady Mayoresses are invariably such hospitable and charming women. We have known a round dozen so speak from experience, and we often wonder if the rise of their husbands to this supreme civic office has not been materially helped by good wives.

On March 18th a meeting of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, City and County of London, took place for the first time since 1922, at which Lady Bowers, as President, took the chair, and the Dowager Lady Dimsdale was re-elected Chairman, and Miss Goodhue Hon. Secretary.

Dame Maud MacCarthy, R.R.C., presented a most interesting Report, as did some of the Principal Matrons. This Nursing Service really saved the situation upon the declaration of War—so far as the sick and wounded were concerned—and we hope the present War Minister will realise its value and encourage its being kept up to full strength and ready for every emergency.

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