

**MISS ISABEL MACDONALD, S.R.N.**

Miss Isabel Macdonald entered the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, for training in 1903, and gained its three years' certificate. She is very interested in all questions connected with the National Health, and lectures for the Royal Sanitary Institute, whose certificate in Hygiene in its bearing on School Life, and its Health Visitors' Certificate, she holds. She was lecturer to the Scottish National Exhibition, lecturer under the County Committee of Fife and Haddington, the County Councils of Stirling and Kinross, and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust. She has written two books on Nursing, and conjointly with another nurse won a £50 prize awarded by the Royal Sanitary Institute, of which she is a Medallist, as well as a Fellow of the Institute of Hygiene, and she holds the diploma of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

In addition, Miss Macdonald drew up the Syllabus for the courses of Instruction on Tuberculosis in Fifeshire, all of which goes to prove that she is conversant with much concerning the national health not included in the ordinary hospital curriculum, and that she has studied extensively methods of nursing education. She also, for two years, had experience of private nursing. As is well known to our readers she is the very popular Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the Hon. Secretary of its Settlement and Helena Benevolent Funds, as well as of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, so that her professional career has brought her into touch with a variety of nurses.

Miss Macdonald has always kept before her the promotion and safeguarding of the nurses' interests.

When a Member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales her vote was cast for the right of the nurses who hold a certificate of training to have this qualification recorded on the State Register. She supported the claim of the nurses for a protected uniform or badge.

Miss Macdonald has a specially warm-hearted sympathy with young nurses at the beginning of their careers. She not only wishes for them professional evolution, but she desires that they shall also be many-sided personally. The variety of interesting subjects dealt with in lectures given at the R.B.N.A. Club bear witness to this aspiration.

It is matter for regret with the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain that neither Miss Jessie Davies, S.R.N., Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, nor Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, S.R.N., Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was able to accept an invitation to act as an official delegate. Both are highly respected matrons of the best type. The regret is shared by these ladies themselves.



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Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association.  
A leader of the younger nurses in their aspiration for personal and professional evolution.

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH.****Propaganda] Directed to the General Improvement of Health.**

The Minister of Health, the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., received on April 23rd, a deputation from the Society of Medical Officers of Health, introduced by Dr. John Wheatley.

The deputation represented that they in their capacity of men of scientific training in constant touch with the general public, had found that there was an urgent need for further propaganda directed, more than propaganda is at present, to the general improvement of health rather than to the combating of special diseases. This is the surest preventative of disease. They thought that statutory provision should be made for local authorities to carry on health propaganda. As a next stage a central body should be set up to advise Local Authorities, who sought their help on the way in which propaganda should be carried out locally, and to assist them by the provision of lecturers, literature, and other means of propaganda, which could best be organised by some sort of central authority. The Society thought that in their special position they would be able to give valuable help to such a central body, and that Medical Officers of Health should themselves be included in its membership.

The Minister, in reply, said that he fully agreed with the deputation as to the necessity for propaganda on health questions, and he gave his assurance that he proposed to take steps to have the necessary powers conferred on Local Authorities forthwith. He hoped that it might be possible to do so this year, or, at any rate, next year. He also agreed that some sort of central body could give valuable assistance; and when the necessary legislation had been passed, he would give careful consideration to the question of the proper constitution of such a body and the functions which should be assigned to it.

**LEGACIES FOR NURSES.**

Mr. Thomas W. Everard, D.L., J.P., of Bradgate Park, near Leicester, left his nurse, Miss Nellie Wood, £500.

Miss Jessie Emily Muntz, of Thurloe Square, left Miss A. M. Tombleson, Matron of the Cheltenham Hospital for Children, a legacy of £100.

Mrs. Mary A. Wyer, of Leamington, left £50 to her nurse Miss Emma Avery.

Mr. Herbert S. Bleckly bequeathed £250 to Mrs. Kathleen O'Brien, formerly Nurse Quin.

Mr. Thomas Dallas-Yorke, of Walmgate Hall, Louth, father of the Duchess of Portland, left an annuity of £20 to Miss Dorothy Moyes, of the Nursing Association, Manchester Square, W.

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