

Archdeacon Holmes also spoke, and the Superior-General, Miss Metcalfe, said a few concluding words. Every speaker made respectful and affectionate reference to the former Chaplain-General, whose memory was in everyone's mind.

BEATRICE KENT.

Bishop Gore's Reference to St. Catherine of Genoa.

You have St. Barnabas for your patron, but you might have had St. Catharine of Genoa. May I name her to you? She was one of the greatest saints of the fifteenth century, and Baron von Hugel wrote the most wonderful life of her in those two volumes of "The Mystical Element of Religion." After her conversion, when she was a young woman, people supposed she would become a religious, and someone once had the audacity to tell her she would have done better if she had become a religious because then she could have loved God more, and she flamed out in passionate protest. She became a nurse, first living in her own house and working among the poor—then going into the great Genoese Hospital and serving there among the lay nurses through a long period of her life, and then becoming matron and showing an extraordinary wisdom in dealing with complicated business arrangements, which were in terrible confusion, and incredible heroism and fortitude through all a horrible visitation of the plague at Genoa. No one could have been, according to the standard of those times, a more energetic nurse. No one could have been a better matron; no one could have dealt with external business with more extraordinary efficiency. And all the time, in spite of external pre-occupation, she was the great mystic; one of the leaders of the mystic life; one whose life was wrapped up in God—and a great theologian withal.

A NEW-COMER AT CAMP.

By a Camper.

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Somehow it seemed right, this year, to accept the invitation to the Nurses' Missionary League Camp, and in much fear and trembling the new-comer arrived, wondering what it would be like to spend a whole fortnight amongst strangers! The strike made it necessary to drive from Whitby, and twelve of us met there and got into a char-a-banc together. At least half the number had been before, and the new-comer gathered that at least *they* were full of happy memories, but she still wondered and felt diffident. Arrived at Normanby House, all were soon gathered around the large dining table, and as the conversation was general the new-comer was able to sit quietly and take things in. At any rate it was "liberty hall," and it seemed more like a big family party than anything else.

On the first day, Sunday, there is a delightful memory of sunshine and sea and hills, a quiet service in the little church next door, and a wander through most beautiful woods to evening service at the hill-top church. Then on Monday, began the fun—walks, picnics, bathes, a visit to Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay, sleighs, etc., and everywhere numerous cups of tea! Shall we ever forget how ten of us tackled that fence on a precipitous slope—under, over, or through, should it be?—and how we laughed!

It was such a complete holiday. Not only did the Yorkshire air put new health into us, but we knew that it was true that Jesus Himself drew near and went with us, and we shall go back so much the better for it. Thankful for the glory and warmth of the sun; for the hills and dales; for the beauty of meadows and fields, flowers and trees; for the sky, for the shifting clouds and for the glory of sunrise and sunset; for the sea, wonderful in its stillness and more wonderful in its storm; for mirth that unites us with others and refreshes us for our work; for good friends to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in trouble, and to lighten our tasks, but chiefly for Himself—for this mightiest gift of His own Self.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on June 18th at 20, Portland Place, London, W., Miss E. M. MUSSON, R.R.C., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

The Minutes having been confirmed, THE CHAIRMAN reported the death of Miss E. Maude MacCallum, a member of the first General Nursing Council for England and Wales. As the Council was aware Miss MacCallum had been ill for a long time. Miss MUSSON further reported that she, with MISS BUSHBY and MISS BREMNER had attended the funeral service as representatives of the Council, and she thought it would be the wish of the Council that a letter of sympathy should be sent to her nearest relative. This was agreed to with a rising vote.

Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and £100 for stamps, £25 for Insurance stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to the Recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that one foolscap filing cabinet at a cost of £6 18s. 6d. be allowed.

The Committee reported that they had considered the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet submitted by the Auditor for the year ending March 31st, 1926.

THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RE THE BALANCE SHEET AND REVENUE ACCOUNT.

The Committee, in considering the Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, were of opinion that the following explanation would materially assist the Council in following the detailed Statement of Accounts.

The Balance Sheet represents:—

- (a) The Investments in Securities producing dividends.
- (b) The House and its contents.
- (c) The Cash at Bank and in the hands of the Registrar.

These result almost entirely from the Registration Fees of Existing and Intermediate Nurses who have registered since the foundation of the Council, and include those fees to the amount of £17,090 15s. 5d. which have been received during the last year. This source of income has ceased.

The Revenue and Expenditure Account may be analysed as follows. The Expenditure is made up of—

(a) Salaries	£6,971 12 2	
Insurance of employees	229 13 10	
		£7,201 6 0
(b) Maintenance, which includes Rent, Rates, Lighting, Heating, and Insurance	1,408 15 6	
(c) Books, Printing and Stationery (including the Register)	3,955 18 3	
(d) Postages, &c.	1,727 16 3	
(e) Miscellaneous, including Travelling, Legal and Audit Accounts, &c. ..	816 5 9	
(f) Examination Expenses	10,542 17 3	
		£25,652 19 0

In addition, there are items for the purchase of Badges, &c., which need not be considered as they are covered by re-sales.

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