

Queen's Nurses. Grants amounting to £48 10s. have been made to eight Queen's Nurses from the Tate (Sick) Fund. The Committee were informed that the Long Service Fund for Queen's Nurses is progressing satisfactorily, and that it is hoped to start annuities from the fund in 1930. A considerable amount of business was transacted.

Dr. Paget Tomlinson, The Biggins, Kirkby Lonsdale, commenting in *The Times* on Dr. Shadwell's articles on District Nursing, gives the following extract from the latest annual report of the County Medical Officer for Westmoreland. He writes:—

"It is 2 a.m. in mid-winter, and a blizzard is blowing the snow into drifts which no motor-car can tackle. On such a night, a district nurse was summoned to a confinement over four miles distant in a remote mountain valley. Bicycle or motorcar being out of the question, an attempt was made on horseback. This, too, was found impossible. The nurse fought her way down to a farmhouse by the lakeside, stabled the horse, and, launching a boat, rowed three miles in pitch dark along the shore of the lake to a point where she could land and reach her patient on foot. She arrived in time to conduct the confinement, and all went well with mother and infant."

Dr. Paget Tomlinson asks, "Could there be any finer example of heroic conscientious devotion to duty?"

The astounding announcement has been made in an evening paper that Almina, Countess of Carnarvon (whose devotion to the dictates of Eros cost her the loss of fabulous treasures) will vie with "Sister Agnes" and open a Nursing Home with the support of a celebrated surgeon—who, as a Member of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., should surely have ere now denied the soft impeachment if it was not true.

It is high time an Act of Parliament was in force for the Registration of Nursing Homes, making such ridiculous proposals impossible.

Indeed, it would appear Registered Nurses have fallen on evil times—primarily the result of the futility of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales—which appears incapable of maintaining discipline, or protecting our just rights—in relation either to the medical profession or the public.

What with a nurse "on probation" on the Register—and now a new Company composed of a barrister and his clerk running a "Registered Nurses' Bureau" (in effect an Agency) with the support of titled members of the medical profession, it is difficult to realise that we are a body of professional State Registered women at all. We have to thank Miss Bushby for fighting our battles almost single-handed on the Council, and on more than one occasion attempting to inspire our timorous "Governing Body" with a sense of duty towards the profession at large.

If these raids on our status continue to be permitted the whole value of the Nursing Acts will soon be null and void. No wonder the "intelligent minority" in our ranks have welcomed the British College of Nurses with enthusiasm. They realise that in it they have an instrument to hand with which to make themselves articulate, and we have every hope they will use it effectually.

H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, recently paid a visit to the Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, of which she is Honorary President. The Princess was received on arrival by the President, the Marchioness of Ailsa; Lady Dunlop, Convener of the Committee of Management; Sir Thomas Dunlop, Bart.; Mr. T. Stark Brown, Honorary Law Agent and Miss Stewart, Secretary.

The Trustees were presented to Her Royal Highness in the drawing-room of the Club. As the visit was of a private nature, only the members of committee and resident members had the honour of being presented to Her Royal Highness.

The Princess, who is greatly interested in the nursing profession, expressed the pleasure it gave her to be able to visit the Nurses in their own Club, where the comfortable surroundings were conducive to their rest from their professional duties and also to their recreation.

The visit of the Princess gave much pleasure to the members of the Club. Her Royal Highness' gracious interest in all nursing matters is much appreciated, and her encouragement has had an uplifting influence on the whole profession.

A Sale of Work, &c., took place in the Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, October 9th, 1926. The Sale was opened by the Most Hon. the Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club.

There was a large gathering present. The President in her opening remarks, congratulated the Members and their friends on the fine show of goods on the various stalls. She also expressed her pleasure in the fact that Members of the Club all over the country, and even from the far Faroe Isles, had given evidence of their interest and vied with each other in sending contributions to the Sale; showing that the "Home" feeling for their Club had been fostered and was bearing good fruit.

The Sale was very successful, and close on £200 has been realised.

It is with great pleasure that we have received the following letter from Miss Jean S. Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Nurses' Association, on its behalf:—

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Recently the Canadian Nurses' Association placed an order with the official photographer at Ottawa for a copy of the photograph of the Memorial panel unveiled on August 24th, 1926, to be sent to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. This we would ask you to accept with the compliments of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Yours cordially,

JEAN S. WILSON, Reg. N.,
Executive Secretary C.N.A.

We can assure our Canadian colleagues that this photograph of the lovely Memorial erected by the Nurses of Canada in remembrance of their colleagues who died in the Great War will always be valued and cared for by us. We hope to place it in the Album in which we shall collect photographs of historical nursing interest for The British College of Nurses. We have quite a collection of these already.

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