

There have only been three Matrons of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the past 45 years, and of those one married, one died in harness after 23 years' invaluable service to the Nursing School, and now the third, Miss Annie Mackintosh, has resigned after holding office for 15 years. Extraordinary as it may appear the Treasurer and Almoners have never appointed a Matron trained in their own great hospital, and it is useless to deny that this policy has had a depreciatory effect on the status of the school. Naturally enough governors of other hospitals argue that if "Bart.'s" has no confidence in its own system of training it would be well to appoint a Matron from hospitals which have. This is common-sense, and we find that during the past fifteen years no outstanding school has been placed under the direction of a "Bart.'s" woman—though no doubt many able women have been trained there—and some of them will, let us hope, make application for the vacancy at their Alma Mater with a chance of success. St. Thomas', London, Guy's, have all within recent years appointed as Matrons women trained at, and loyally attached to, these first-class institutions. Let us hope the present Treasurer and Almoners of St. Bartholomew's Hospital will follow an example calculated to maintain the prestige of our senior Royal Hospital.

An advertisement of this important post will be found in our Appointments Supplement on page 1.

Mrs. Northwood, S.R.N., is kindly arranging a Carnival Dance on Wednesday, February 2nd, 1927, at the St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Road, N.W.1 (entrance in Seymour Place) in support of the funds of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Dancing will be from 8 to 12, and Fancy Dress or Evening Dress will be optional. Whist and Bridge Tables will be provided for those who do not dance. Prizes (which will be presented by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) will be given for the best original Fancy Dress.

Tickets, price 3s. 6d., may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1 From Miss Isabel Macdonald, Director, N.C.N., 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, and from Mrs. Northwood, 6, Nottingham Place, W., who is well known as a successful organiser of these pleasant little dances.

A buffet, from which light refreshments may be obtained, will be provided by the Plane Tree Restaurant, Ltd., 106, Great Russell Street, W.C., well known for its excellent catering.

The Address given on November 27th at a Social Gathering of the Fever Nurses' Association held at the Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association, entitled "Reminiscences of the Nurses' Congress, 1925, and a Peep into Finland," illustrated by lantern slides from photographs taken by Miss C. Liddiatt, was a most enjoyable occasion, both for those who attended the Congress, to whom this retrospect gave keen pleasure, and also to those for whom the Address, which was clearly and charmingly delivered, dealt with a subject new to them.

The proceedings of that unforgettable week at Helsingfors have been fully reported in this JOURNAL, and need not be here recapitulated, but Miss Dorothea Webb

who moved a vote of thanks to Miss Bryson, voiced the feeling of those present when she spoke of the clear idea of what happened which had been given to those not privileged to attend the Congress, and said Miss Bryson had made them envious of those who took part in it.

Dr. Macintyre, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Royal British Nurses' Association for the use of the room and slides, said that the knowledge of geography and history of those present had certainly been extended. They had been most thrilled by the history of that wonderful organisation, founded by a British woman, the International Council of Nurses. He hoped they would have more meetings of the same kind.

Miss Macdonald, in acknowledging the vote of thanks on behalf of the Executive Committee, remarked that the pleasure given by the presentation of the slides was evident, but she wondered if those present realised the wonderful contribution to Nursing History recorded by Miss Liddiatt, in the photographs from which they were made.

A very kind offer is made by a former member, to members of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society who are able to take a few days' rest between cases, or a short holiday, of the use of a comfortably furnished bedroom, and liberty to share the drawing room of her hostess, in a house standing high on the outskirts of Canterbury, and on the direct bus route to Whitstable. The guest would board herself, but would have facilities for preparing simple meals, and would be able to get dinner easily in the city.

Will any member of the Staff who desires to avail herself of this offer communicate in the first instance with the Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society. Canterbury is a most fascinating and interesting city, and a delightful holiday could be spent there.

The Annual Birthday "At Home" of the Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W.1, which this year took place on November 26th and 27th, is always very enjoyable, and this year it was specially so. Miss Mayers, the Hon. Secretary, was indefatigable in promoting the pleasure of the succession of visitors, and every one seemed happy and at home.

Friday was "Calendar Day," and incidentally there was quite a good sale of the Quotation Calendar issued by the Club. The cost is 2s., copies may still be had, and those who secure them will find it a source of interest and pleasure throughout 1927.

Saturday was specially devoted to "The Four Seasons of the Calendar," which were most charmingly represented by Rosemary and Margaret Gill, the two little daughters of Mrs. Lovatt Gill (*née* Dickenson) a Bart.'s nurse, their cousin, Daphne Gill, and a little friend, Joyce Sparks. In dainty white frocks, with the appropriate flowers of the season in their hair, spring, summer and autumn demonstrated the joy and poetry of motion in their dancing to the irresistible music of Mrs. Gilchrist.

Joyce Sparks, as winter, in a white frock and cap trimmed with swansdown, joined the audience, not feeling sufficiently assured to be one of the dancers.

Miss Mollie Horsey, accompanied by Miss Hetherington

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