

Church of St. John, and you catch, through the trees, glimpses of plots of scarlet geraniums and other flowers which are in great profusion in the Churchyard. From the back, the windows look out on trees and bright gardens, for the houses on this side of the Square can boast of unusually large gardens with nice trees, so that it is hard to realise that one is comparatively close to some very busy and noisy parts of the city. However, Epping Forest is not so far away, and, as most of the Members in residence have done much of their life's work in London, they like to live where they can still remain in close touch with all that is going on in the profession.

In each of the rooms a hanging cupboard and a large cupboard with shelves is provided and also a small fire-place with an oven. This fireplace can be opened or closed, or if the nurse prefers it, the Committee provide a gas fire or gas oven with a slot meter attached, for those who do not care to trouble, more than is necessary, with coal fires. Each room has a large coal box so made as not to interfere with the general appearance of the room. The floors of the rooms are covered with nice cork linoleum and the nurses bring their own furniture. Some of the rooms are exceedingly tasteful in their arrangement. A broad staircase runs to the top of the house, and this and the hall, with its rose-coloured rugs, are well lit. Off the hall is a room with French windows opening on to a small verandah leading to the garden; here the library is kept, and here also the Members can, if they wish, receive visitors instead of in their rooms, a great convenience we are told. There is a nice airy larder in the basement in which a section is apportioned to each Member, this is particularly useful in summer time. Also in the basement is a box room for the use of the Members and a kitchen, with a large sink, of which each can make use during certain days for appointed hours. Somewhat similar arrangements also hold good in connection with the bathroom.

In front of the house is a small garden mostly given over to shrubs, but the garden behind the house is a source of real interest and enjoyment to many of those in residence. This is indeed a very great asset to the Home, apart from the fact that, with the public gardens in front and the stretch of private gardens behind, there is provided a large expanse of open space which must add greatly to the health of those living in the district. Mr. Knight, a kindly neighbour, takes a very great interest in the garden, and frequently adds to its beauty with contributions of plants nursed from their infancy in his own greenhouse. For many hours of patient work we are indebted to him and for advice and help, to which, in no small degree, we owe the beauty of the garden.

The Home was established for retired nurses who are Members of the R.B.N.A.; its Rules are very few and are merely such as to ensure the safety and comfort of those in the Home. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Strange, Hon. Physician to the Home, for his goodness to the nurses during attacks of illness. He has been most kind, and it has been no small relief to the Sister-in-Charge to feel that she may call upon him for help, even during the busiest season, if there is any case of illness in the Home.

Incidentally we may say that Miss Coates, the Sister-in-Charge, is always delighted to see Members of the Association but it is just as well to let her have a post-card first so that she may be at home herself to show hospitality or may ask someone in the Home to do this for her.

APPOINTMENT.

Miss Isabella Dickson, R.R.C., has been appointed Matron of the Watlington Cottage Hospital. She was trained at Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh. During the War Miss Dickson worked mostly abroad in Serbia, France, Egypt and Palestine and, in addition to the Royal Red Cross, she has been awarded the Serbian Order of Charity.

HONOUR FOR SIR ALFRED RICE-OXLEY, C.B.E., J.P., M.D.

Members of the Association have received with very great pleasure the news that Sir Alfred Rice-Oxley has been awarded, by the French Government, the decoration of the Legion d'Honneur as an acknowledgment of the high service he has rendered to France as a member of the British Legion of Help. Sir Alfred is one of those who never undertakes what he does not intend to accomplish and, busy as he is, always finds time for more. On receiving the news the Members in residence at the Club sent a telegram conveying a warm message of congratulation to their Hon. Physician.

THE CHARLOTTE LITTLE MEMORIAL.

A recent meeting of the Executive Committee received from a member of the Hull Association of Trained Nurses a letter stating that the members of that Association were desirous of founding a Memorial to Miss Charlotte Little; the Committee were asked whether they would accept any money, collected for such Memorial, for the Helena Benevolent Fund, and they have expressed their willingness to do so and their appreciation of the kindness of those who have inaugurated the Memorial. It has been decided that the sum collected shall be invested and shall be known as the Charlotte Little Memorial. The income arising from it is to be used to give a working member of the Association a week's holiday annually and the Executive Committee will decide each year who shall receive the grant. As we go to press we have just received a cheque for forty pounds from the nurses in Hull, and we would thank them for their generous gift and their kind thought for their colleagues in the Nursing Profession. It is realised that the interest arising will not yet be sufficient to meet the expenses of a week's holiday, but the Committee will, until the Memorial reaches a larger sum, be prepared to supplement its ordinary income by a grant from the Helena Benevolent Fund. Meantime it is felt that there are many members of the Association who knew Miss Little, and many who appreciated her staunch loyalty to its policy (often at great personal sacrifice) who will willingly help in raising a suitable Memorial. Miss Little was always intensely interested in the Association, and both her sister and her nurses feel that no Memorial would have pleased her better than this which will give annually, to at least one tired worker, a much needed rest and change. Thus they do their part to keep green her memory in the profession, and in the Association she so much loved.

But this Memorial should not end with the effort initiated in Hull. We hope that all the R.B.N.A. members, out of their deep respect for one who has passed from the Association's ranks, out of their admiration for her professional aspiration, and her consistency in promoting every movement she thought likely to bring good to the nurses will come forward and help us to establish a Memorial worthy of so good a comrade as was Miss Charlotte Little, M.R.B.N.A.

OBITUARY.

Since the last issue of the Supplement we have received the news of the death of Miss Isabella Grace Steuart, who joined the Association in 1889. Miss Steuart was, at one time, a very active Member of the Association and had a seat on its Council. She was particularly interested in the work of founding the Settlement Home and always took a very great interest in this branch of the Association's activities. For a number of years she has lived at Brighton, and has therefore latterly been less closely associated with its work.

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Secretary to the Corporation.

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