

meeting, had an interesting discussion upon the question of the Sister-Tutor Scholarships. It relates:—

An appeal was made to this branch, with others, to make up the sum of £135 required before the end of the present month to provide one scholarship for 1927. It will be recalled that the Scholarship Fund was established to enable Poor-Law nurses who are members of the "National" to proceed to a full course of instruction at King's College, to allow them to qualify for the important post of Sister Tutor. Two such Nurses, after competitive examinations held by the College of Nursing, were enabled last year to proceed to that course and are now in training. At the meeting referred to, a letter was read from Mrs. L. E. Croucher, the Second Vice-President of the "National" who said: "At the present time we have only £15 in hand, and unless we receive a substantial sum by the end of March I am afraid it will be impossible to give a scholarship this year, and that excellent scheme—which was promoted to help nurses who are members of the Association—must die an unnatural death." In the course of the discussion, it appeared that certain Poor-Law Nurses within the area of the Branch had been asked to contribute, but replied that they were not members of the "National" and neither wished to become members of the "National" nor to contribute to the Sister-Tutor Scholarship Fund (though they sent £1 to the Benevolent and Orphan Fund). It appears that these Nurses support the College of Nursing, which they apparently regard as being in some way in opposition to the "National." We were not aware that this was so, but we are certain that the "National" is in no way in opposition to the College of Nursing or, indeed, to any other organisation. The "National" does not wish to draw members away from any organisation. It points out, quite legitimately, what its advantages are; and it emphasises, also quite legitimately, how its advantages outweigh those of any other organisation. But it does not want forced proselytes, and it certainly does not wish to encourage any ideas of mutual exclusion. The Nurses in question have, no doubt, good reason for preferring the College of Nursing, and if they have made their decision upon a fair reading of all the facts, then no one can have any more to say. But it is just possible that not all the facts have been put before them and that all the advantages of joining the "National" have not been explained to them. It may be that the younger among them do not realise that the winner of the very scholarship may come from among their number—in which a general contribution would be more than returned, while never being missed. Mr. Heeley, of Kettering, at the meeting referred to, raised an interesting point when he suggested that, in view of the comparatively small proportion of Poor-Law Nurses who are members of the "National," the "National" ought not to be expected to offer them special facilities. It is, perhaps, surprising that such a suggestion was made, although we must in fairness point out that the scholarship scheme, with success, might have resulted in remedying the defect to which Mr. Heeley drew attention. It is, in any event, quite clear that a situation has arisen which must be faced at once. The Fund dare not become an "intermittent" Fund. If it comes to an end, we can only say that its death would be not merely unnatural (in Mrs. Croucher's phrase), but untimely and most unfortunate.

We entirely agree with the point of view expressed by our contemporary.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club, Glasgow, took place on March 26th. In the absence of the President, the Marchioness of Ailsa, the Chair was taken by Mrs. Strong, F.B.C.N., formerly Matron of the Royal Infirmary.

A Financial Statement and Abstract of Accounts was read by Mr. R. J. Hardie, Auditor, showing that the Club was in a good financial position, and that there was a surplus balance at the credit of the Club for the year's work.

The following Members were elected as Office-bearers to fill vacancies in the Committee of Management:—Miss Mary Hunter, Miss F. Fearon, Miss C. Dowie, Miss M. L. Chalmers, Miss M. Brander, and Miss Stewart carries on as Secretary.

Mrs. Strong, in a spirited address, gave a résumé of the work of the Club since its inception, and spoke of their aims and ideals having been realized up to a certain point, and of how wonderful the growth of the Club had been in the time. She cautioned the Members, however, from thinking that all had been accomplished. They should aim at still further progress in advancing the usefulness and benefit of the Club to their fellow Nurses. Glasgow was such a splendid centre, there was no reason why the Scottish Nurses' Club should in any way be behind the clubs of London or America. You will find, she said, that when our Colonial Nurses know more fully about the Scottish Nurses' Club, there will be a still more constant stream of visitors during the summer months. Mrs. Strong concluded her address by saying: "Let Glasgow Flourish," and aim to have the finest Club in the Empire.

Miss Simpson writes that General Feng, the Christian General, has given the Nurses' Association of China 2,000 dollars towards the Entertainment Fund for 1929, and another of his Generals 400 dollars; so, in spite of troubles, they are evidently preparing for their International guests. Miss Simpson says: "We will be ready for our guests in 1929, I am quite sure."

We are glad to have news, if only indirectly, of Miss Lillian Wu, the Vice-President of the Nurses' Association of China, who made so many friends during the Helsingfors Congress. A Missionary from up-country, now in Shanghai, writes home:—"Yesterday, I was at a 'Nurses' Association of China' gathering, when Miss Wu, who represented Chinese nurses at the International Conference in 1925, spoke, and begged us not to forget our 'little sisters.' She said: 'They want you. They want you badly. They are treating you badly just now, but they don't know what they are doing. Don't go away and leave us!' Poor China!"

#### MILITARY NURSES' MEMORIAL FUND.

At Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, on April 5th, at 3 p.m., a Service will be held for the unveiling and dedication of the Memorial Window to H.M. Queen Alexandra, the late President of the Military Nursing Services. The Memorial will be unveiled by the Dowager Countess of Airlie, G.B.E., and the dedication will be performed by the Rev. A. C. E. Jarvis, C.M.G., M.C., D.D., Chaplain-General to the Forces, Chaplain to H.M. The King. At the same Service a Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated in Memory of Members of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. (retired), Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, and Territorial Army Nursing Service, desiring to attend the Service should notify their Matrons-in-Chief.

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