

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, just issued, is highly satisfactory and shows an increase on last year's subscriptions of over £332, while the sum received in donations also shows a considerable increase. Her Royal Highness the President, in the Report, expresses the indebtedness of the Benevolent Fund to the Royal British Nurses' Association for a very large amount of expert book-keeping and clerical work which has enabled the Council to invest a much larger sum for the benefit of the nurses than they would have been able to do had the official staff of the Corporation not been available for carrying on the work of the Fund.

The Hon. Secretary desires to express her sincere and warm thanks for all the help and kindly encouragement she has received from her colleagues in this piece of work. Those who so generously subscribe to the Fund and those who come in from time to time to give voluntary help would feel amply rewarded if they could read many of the letters received from nurses to whom the Council have granted Annuities. There are still many cases on the waiting list whom we are most anxious to relieve and we hope that our readers will lose no opportunity of interesting all whom they can in this Benevolent Work.

DANCE.

The last Dance of the Season took place at the Club on March 26th, and it was generally agreed to have been one of the most successful of all that we have had since last October. We have received several requests that we should have another dance in April, but it has been decided to postpone this until the early autumn when we hope to meet all our friends again.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

We have here a group of International Visitors taken on the balcony at Queen's Gate. Miss Meyboom (late Matron of the Municipal Hospital, Rotterdam) and Miss Van Ditmar who was Ward Sister there, were with us for some considerable time and, just before they left, Miss Elizabet Dillner and Miss Gerda Höjer arrived. Miss Dillner is Sister-Tutor of the Sabbatsberg Hospital of Stockholm, and Miss Höjer is X-ray Sister in the Maria Hospital, Stockholm.

ASSOCIATION NOTICES.

Owing to the fact that the "Diploma Day" of the British College of Nurses falls on the same date as that upon which the Quarterly Meeting of the General Council is usually held it has been arranged that the Council shall meet at 6 p.m. on Friday, 22nd inst., immediately after the meeting of the Executive Committee on the same day. Since last September we have had every week at the Club some social gathering, dance or lecture, and we are now discontinuing these weekly fixtures until the Autumn. Of fixtures that will arise at occasional intervals during the Summer months due notice will be given in the Official Organ of the Association.

The Ballot papers for elections to the General Council will be circulated to Members shortly, and we would impress

upon them the necessity for paying careful attention to directions circulated with the list of nominations; numbers of papers have every year had to be set aside as "spoilt" owing to inattention to details, and it is not possible to communicate with the members in order to have corrections made, as the Scrutineers examine the papers very shortly before the Annual Meeting takes place. Members are reminded that they ought not to enclose letters with their ballot papers because no reply can be sent to these until the envelopes marked "Ballot Paper" have been opened in the presence of the Scrutineers. Frequently lack of attention to this point gives rise to confusion.

OBITUARY.**MISS CHARLOTTE LITTLE.**

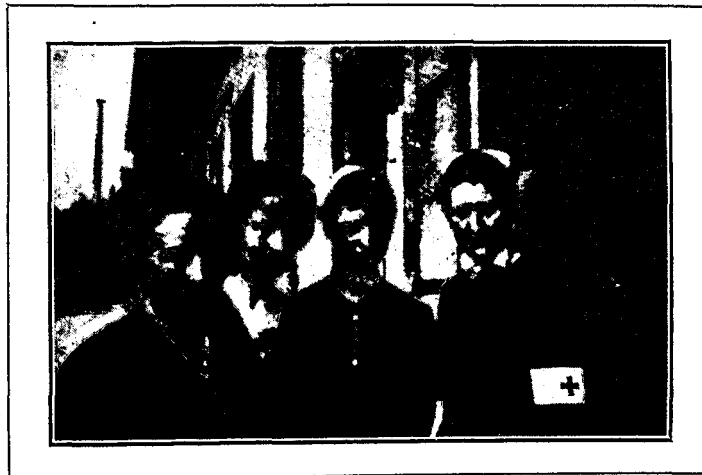
The Royal British Nurses' Association, and indeed the whole profession, have, through the death of Miss Charlotte Little, suffered irreparable loss. She was one of the splendid band who, early in professional life, became convinced of the need of a system of State Registration and the advisability of the organisation of nursing as a profession. Broadminded and large-hearted, with a living interest in all that concerned the nurses, Miss Little stood consistently for the policy she had chosen after much earnest thought and searching inquiry. An opposing "majority" meant so little to her steady faith, her force of principle and conviction.

Kindly, alert and possessed of a clear brain and a wide outlook, Miss Little was a colleague who could ill afford to lose for there are so few, comparatively, who wish to see the truth about things as they are, and who, having seen it, are ready to strive and to give that good may prevail. But Miss Little was always prepared to make any sacrifice and any effort that her policy might involve, though probably few in her immediate circle, few perhaps in her own town, realise how great was her influence for good. She was one of those busy people who always find time to do a little more, and, on many occasions, when we

have been celebrating some event in the Association or when its General Council have met to discuss matters of vital importance, she has taken the long journey from Hull to participate in the responsibilities which a seat on the Council laid on her. Now, at our Council table and the Members' gatherings, we are saddened by a place that is vacant, we shall miss a kindly presence and friendly handgrip too. But often our thoughts will linger in the years where dwells the memory of one who played well her part, of one who was a true comrade, of one who was no mere hewer of wood and drawer of water, but who saw the flare of the torch and then—followed on.

Those of us who knew her, feel that we are the richer that we "spoke one another" as she passed on her way and to those who will follow us she has helped to bequeath a greater liberty, a greater richness of life. For her "the power of the night, the stress of the storm" are over and so, sadly, the JOURNAL closes now those references which, from time to time, told of her part in the long struggle for progress. With her old high courage and unswerving faith did she pass through the darkness of suffering. We will not look again into the small bright face with the steady eyes nor listen to the lips that, when things were at their darkest, framed no word of doubt or faltering. For Charlotte Little "The Journey is done, the Summit attained and—the Barriers fall."

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.



Misses Meyboom, Van Ditmar, Hojer and Dillner.
ON THE VERANDAH AT QUEEN'S GATE: AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP.

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