

missed. Her last illness was borne with great heroism, and cheerfulness, and indeed, before leaving Australia, I felt that the battle could not go on for very long, for she was looking so very far from well, and evidently carrying on her work under the stress of suffering and ill-health."

Yet our last correspondence from Miss Mullaney shows how active and keen was her mind still, on matters concerning her profession, and told of schemes which she was inaugurating in order to bring further benefits to the nurses in the Dominion; whether her plans will meet with the success they deserve remains to be seen.

Every piece of work which Miss Mullaney undertook was characterised by enthusiasm and whole-heartedness; during her nursing career she had experience in many branches of nursing, and she is indeed to be regarded as the pioneer of Public Health Nursing in Adelaide. Her duties in this branch were performed with marked efficiency and success, so much so that she became, when still quite young, the first Superintendent of District Nurses in Adelaide. After this she was Matron of the North Adelaide Hospital, and later she became the First Trained Nurse Inspector under the Local Health Board of Unley.

Owing to her mother's illness, she was prevented from taking up War Work, but that did not hinder her from rendering great service to the Empire at home, and she did five years of fine voluntary work for the War. Miss Mullaney also held a number of important posts after the War, among them one as Superintendent of a Tuberculosis Centre, and another as Superintendent of a Baby Health Centre. She was one of the pioneers of the movement for the State Registration of Nurses in South Australia; indeed, there is scarcely a branch of nursing work in South Australia which does not bear somewhere the impress of Miss Mullaney's energy and initiative, and from all the centres where she worked, we are told, have come references to her kindly courtesy and organising ability.

Miss Mullaney was one of the Founder Fellows of the British College of Nurses, and was appointed as its Local Consul in Adelaide.

#### Miss Emily C. Bramwell.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Emily C. C. Bramwell, A.R.R.C., one of the Founder Members of the Association. Miss Bramwell was at one time Sister of Matthew Ward at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and during the War, she was Matron of a Red Cross Hospital. She took a very keen interest in all the activities of our Association, and was often to be seen at the various gatherings at its Headquarters. She was a Member of its General Council at the time of her death.

#### Miss Julia Staples.

We have to report the death of still another member who has been long associated with the R.B.N.A.—Miss Julia Staples. Miss Staples was trained for the All Saints' Nursing Home at the University College Hospital, and did private nursing for a considerable number of years before her retirement. She had a gentle, charming personality, and was extremely popular among her patients and colleagues.

#### DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

A Dramatic and Variety Entertainment, organised by Miss E. A. Jones, during the spring was very successful and resulted in the sum of twenty pounds for our House Beautiful Fund, after paying all expenses.

Where all the performers were excellent, in their different parts, it is difficult to select any for special mention, but the item in the evening's performance which appeared to give the greatest pleasure was the "Doll Dance." An

actor, who happened to be in the audience, said of this particular number that he had never seen anything of this class done so well since "La Poupée" was staged in London. Those people at our Entertainment were dolls—their movements were as mechanical as they were amusing; their attitudes when their supposed "clockwork" ceased to act were greeted with roars of laughter. Mrs. Riddell, who staged the performance for Miss Jones, is to be congratulated on having brought together a most accomplished group of musicians and actors, and at the close of the evening she and her friends received a very hearty vote of appreciation and thanks.

#### ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced of Miss Margaret Lamont, S.R.N., to Herbert Ian Rees, Esq., B.Sc. The wedding will take place at the Brompton Oratory on July 26th, and there will be a reception afterwards at the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club.

#### HELENA BENEVOLENT FUND.

We are anxious in the near future to make a special effort on behalf of the Helena Benevolent Fund. The claims upon this Fund are very heavy as, at every Meeting of the Executive Committee, there are appeals for temporary aid during sickness. The main purpose of this Fund is to give to our Members temporary help in sickness or old age. We have many claims from sick and aged Nurses, and so hope to make efforts to increase the Benevolent Fund's resources.

If every Member of the Association would give the minimum subscription of one shilling a year the amount of relief which could be extended to the sick Nurses would be very greatly augmented. Would some Member, or group of Members, undertake to organise a Cake and Candy Sale, or to arrange a Whist Drive or other entertainment? It would be very nice if ten individual Members (or ten groups) would write and offer to organise some special function, however small, for this Fund. This would mean that, except in the holidays, some practical help would be forthcoming each month and a corresponding amount of relief going to one or more of our Fellow Members. The rooms at the Club are always at the disposal of the Members for such work.

#### DONATIONS.

##### Settlement Fund.

Miss A. Humphry, £5; Lady Mitchell, Misses A. Mc. G. Campbell, A. Rockett, £1; Misses Alys Barry, R. Silcock-ros. 6d.; Mrs. G. Lawther, Miss M. E. Pocock, 10s.; Miss A. M. Parsons, 6s.; Miss E. Balding, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. M. Cooper, Mrs. M. Eeles, Mrs. R. Strong, Misses M. E. C. Atkinson, E. T. Bickerton, E. Chippendale, A. B. Curtis, C. M. Eve, J.P., N. Farrant, C. L. Ramsden, E. M. Waind, 5s.; Mrs. M. E. Chayney, Misses M. Carruthers, C. Clarke, A. Clements, C. Dean, E. M. Dickson, L. F. King, E. Marsland, E. Mawe, M. Munro, E. Phillips, E. Robson, S. E. Stephenson, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Lane, Misses S. Harland, M. L. Harmer, E. M. Roberts, 2s.; Misses E. De Wind, S. Fidler, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. S. Grant, Mrs. E. E. Mulvaney, Mrs. A. E. Shepherd, Mrs. J. Welch, Misses Andrews, E. Armstrong, S. A. Aylebsury, S. E. Bath, F. Beal, C. M. Bigg, G. Blacklock, E. Cope, F. Goodrich, A. E. Harsant, E. Lewington, B. McDougall, E. W. Maclagan, E. Maunsell, R. Page-Henderson, E. Roberts, T. Terry, M. M. Tipper, M. Wooler, 1s.

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