

It is announced that the College of Nursing has entered into negotiations for the acquisition of the valuable lease of the house between the College and 21, Cavendish Square, and further that a new building will be erected there on these sites.

Let us hope that the upkeep of London property will not increase at the present ratio.

We learn the College of Nursing is considering private nursing conditions. The first proposition which it will have to face is one to which we have often alluded, the ethical propriety of the voluntary hospitals conducting private nursing departments for profit—at a lower fee—in competition with independent Registered Nurses earning their living in private practice. As so many matrons belonging to the College of Nursing are associated with training schools which have private nursing departments attached they will, after investigation, be able to discuss the question with their committees from the professional point of view.

The stained glass windows placed in the chapel of the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, in memory of the late Miss K. V. Macintyre, Matron there for twenty-six years, are a specially appropriate memorial from her friends to one who loved the chapel so well. The windows which are the three East end lights, are very beautiful both in colour and design, and were executed by Messrs. Shrigley & Hunt, at a cost of £130.

After the unveiling by Mrs. E. Lawrence, of Grasmere (*née* Rawcliffe) in the presence of the Rector of Wigan (Canon C. C. Thicknesse, Chairman of the Memorial Committee), Dr. Monks (Chairman of the Board of Management of the Infirmary), Mr. A. M. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer of the Memorial Committee); Miss Graham, J.P. (Hon. Secretary), the present Matron, Miss A. H. Wilford, Miss F. M. Graham, and a large number of nurses, the windows were dedicated by the Rev. W. E. Kingsbury "In the Faith of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God, and in thankful remembrance of the life and work of Katherine Victoria Macintyre, sometime Matron of this Hospital."

Mr. Kingsbury recalled the influence Miss Macintyre exercised upon the nursing staff, professionally and in other ways, and how she inspired them with affection for herself, with devotion to her own high ideals of efficiency, and with her enthusiasm and loving self-sacrifice for the sick and suffering, her love for the chapel, her own use of it in the midst of her multitudinous duties, her longing and planning that that little House of God might be accessible to all.

Many of the nurses who trained under Miss Macintyre travelled long distances in order to be present at the service, some coming from the North of Scotland and others from the Southern Counties.

Miss Wilford, the Matron, kindly offered hospitality to those who desired to avail themselves of it, and many were most grateful to her for the opportunity, and for the happy reunion thus rendered possible.

There were also dedicated at the Memorial Service two vases for the Altar and the invalid chair given by her friends in memory of Sister Emily Elizabeth Fletcher, who was trained with Miss Macintyre and was afterwards Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan.

At a concert held recently at the Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, some of Glasgow's most notable artistes contributed to the programme, which was of a very varied and enjoyable character. The audience was representative of the various hospitals, and was splendidly appreciative of the numerous items. Tea was served by Miss Brown and her staff, and votes of thanks were proposed by Dr. Patrick and other friends.

The Scottish Matrons' Association held the autumn meeting at the Falkirk and District Infirmary on October 24th, by kind invitation of Miss Dick, matron, and the directors. After the meeting the members took advantage of the opportunity to visit the various units of this new and up-to-date hospital. The maternity unit, in particular, came in for great admiration. Tea was served in the nurses' dining-room, and a vote of thanks was given to Miss Dick for her hospitality.

The Scottish Nurses' Club was the scene of a bright assemblage on October 28th, when a whist drive and dance was held. The younger members of the party particularly enjoyed the latter part of the programme.

THE PROFESSIONAL WORK OF THE LATE MISS MOLLETT.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Douglas Gray, R.R.C. (*née* Harrison), who was a Gold Medallist in the Nursing School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has consented to contribute some reminiscences of Miss Wilhelmina Mollett. Mrs. Gray was Assistant Matron at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, during Miss Mollett's term as Matron, and writes: "I will most certainly write you my recollections of the really wonderful years that I had the great privilege of working with her, or, rather, under her influence. Like any amount of other nurses, I learnt all the best of not only nursing, but the fine things of life."

Of the part Miss Mollett took in the early days of the organisation of the Nurses' movement from 1887 and onwards in connection with the foundation of the British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council, and the International Council of Nurses, it will be easy to gather a record; much has been published in this connection in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*; and then we shall have the final chapter, "The Autumn Years of Wilhelmina Jane Mollett," by her sister Lina, a truly touching record and farewell.

Another chapter concerning Miss Mollett's life will appear next month.

We have received several letters of appreciation of Miss Lina Mollett's reminiscences of her sister, notably one from Miss Clara D. Noyes, from Washington, in which she writes: "The Story of 'Wilhelmina Jane Mollett's early days' is exceedingly interesting, and would, I believe, be widely read if it came out in circular form. Is there any possibility of this series of articles appearing later in this form?"

When the series is concluded we shall certainly consider Miss Noyes' suggestion.

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