

in the making of such a book—i.e., the learning attained and the patient labour it cost. Nursing is the youngest of the professions; it was only in 1919 that Parliament granted the Acts which give to it legal professional status and we appreciate the recognition which, in the dedication of this book, it receives from one of the very oldest of the professions in the world of science, one which had been established, before the days of Thales and of Pythagoras, two thousand five hundred years ago.

#### FIXTURES

On page i is a list of the fixtures at Headquarters, of which we would ask our Members to take special notice. During the past month the usual social and other gatherings have been suspended. In December we had many of those both at the Club and elsewhere, and it was agreed by all that "a restful month" would be quite acceptable, especially as in January non-resident Members find it difficult to attend gatherings here. Miss Cutler had most kindly arranged to give a dance at the Club on January 5th, but when we received notice of the death of H.R.H. the Princess Royal she decided to cancel this. We thank those Members who gave us notice that they accepted the invitation and so made it possible to arrange for the dance being put off without confusion or difficulty. Miss Cutler hopes to be able to renew her invitation later in the year.

From Mrs. Wilfrid Norton the Ramblers have an invitation for Monday, February 9th, at 3 p.m. to visit her Studio and inspect her hand-made pottery at 13, Chalet Gardens, N.W.3. At least two of our Members have taken up the making of pottery as a hobby, although it is not a craft that many in our walk of life can have much opportunity to pursue. Nevertheless we feel that a number will wish to avail themselves of Mrs. Norton's invitation to see her beautiful and artistic work. She is an artist in water-colour as well as a potter, and we are informed that we may expect to see some very fine results of that aspect of her artistic faculty which finds expression through a potter's wheel. If members desiring to accept Mrs. Norton's invitation will write to the Secretary, the latter will be glad to give to each directions for finding her way to the Studio.

For Saturday, February 21st, at 8 p.m., we have fixed a Whist Drive in aid of the Purchase Fund and we will be glad to hear from any Member who will help us to sell tickets for this. We do not anticipate making any large sum, but it will bring in a little towards the object we have before us, and our primary purpose is to provide a social gathering for those who enjoy cards and like to spend a pleasant evening with friends whom they do not meet except at such gatherings. The charge of two shillings includes refreshments.

On Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m., Miss Isabel Macdonald will give a lantern lecture on "The Life and Times of St. Vincent de Paul." Nurses interested in the history of their profession will be able to see a number of beautiful slides showing incidents in the life of this beloved priest—one of the greatest of social reformers and founder of the famous nursing order, the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

For Friday, March 13th, we have made special arrangements for Members to attend a Lecture Tour at the British Museum on Greek Sculpture. This should prove most interesting to nurses with their knowledge of anatomy. "The human form divine" has never been portrayed with a deeper sense of its beauty than by the Greeks in their sculpture; it was not a case with them of placing some human model before them and copying it line upon line with meticulous effort to fit in parts one with another in well-measured proportion. In the Greek art we can

study not only the psychology of a highly developed creative power but the psychology too of a real feeling for the human physical body which flowed into the hard marble and produced treasures still unsurpassed in their beauty and excellence. The psychology of the Greek mind led them to set a very great value on the physical body: "Better a beggar in the upper world than a king in the realm of shades," said they. The hour for the tour has not yet been definitely fixed and we shall be glad if Members who hope to attend it will write to the Secretary for particulars.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,

You will remember that it is now nearly ten years since the Association took over the lease of 194, Queen's Gate at very short notice and with only a few days to move in; you and I set to work to organise the Club and to get it ready for the members as soon as possible. It was a great adventure at the time and it had amusing aspects in spite of the fact that the Association had saddled itself with no inconsiderable financial responsibilities. However, we put our shoulders to the wheel and faced plenty of hard work with the result that I at least feel that the optimism of those busy days was justified.

Now we have reached 1931 and we no longer lease 194, Queen's Gate, but are the proprietors of it. As the Members know we had to take a very considerable loan to meet the cost of the purchase of the house and that loan we have been gradually paying off. Looking back on the days when I came to help to organise the new Club and to take over the management of it for you for a time, I feel very much that I should like to give an urge and a help towards completely clearing off, before the close of the current year, any loan that may still remain on the property. To me it would seem such a fine thing to be able to place it on record, on our Minutes and elsewhere, that we took the lease of the house in 1921 and that in 1931 the property was our own and clear of all debt. I do not know of anything that would give to me greater satisfaction, especially as I see how much enjoyment and pleasure the nurses get out of this Club, which was the last enterprise that I helped to inaugurate in my active professional life; it is a branch of the Association's work in which I have always been specially interested. Would you place my views before the members? I shall be so glad if any who find themselves in agreement with me will write to me making offers to help. Some might like to organise concerts or other entertainments or perhaps others would help by promising to send a definite sum before December next—say perhaps ten shillings, five or whatever they feel they can afford. I would feel more than rewarded for the work I gave to the Association in 1921 (and which you are kind enough to say was a help to it and to you) if before the close of the year I could see the announcement in our official organ that the purchase fund is closed and the loan cleared off. It need not require any very strenuous efforts for I understand that our debt is now reduced to £760.

I am,

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) BEATRICE CUTLER,  
Nurse Hon. Secretary.

NOTE.—The Loan from the Bank is now £600 and we also have a loan from the Helena Benevolent Fund of £160 upon which interest is being paid. This does not, however, mean that we have to raise nearly the whole of this amount, as the Association will, before December, have considerably reduced the amount by its ordinary quarterly payments. Any letter addressed to Miss Cutler at 194, Queen's Gate will be forwarded.—I.M.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

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