

decided to increase the annual subscription to 21s. per annum for the year 1934-1935.

The Chairman reported that a telegram had been sent to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal (the Patroness of the Association), to wish her a speedy recovery from her recent illness. A telegram had been received, thanking the Association for their good wishes.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club.

The meeting concluded with tea in the drawing room of the Club.

#### THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held on Saturday, December 2nd. Miss Dey, R.R.C., President of the League, took the Chair.

After the business of the afternoon was concluded, a large audience of members which filled the spacious class room in the Nurses' Home, listened with great interest to the account given by Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Chairman of the General Nursing Council and Honorary Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, on the Organisation of the International Council of Nurses. Many of the members present had taken part in the great concourse of Nurses from forty-three different countries which had assembled for the Paris-Brussels Congress in July of this year, which made the opportunity of hearing the account of the Congress, from the view-point of one of the valued Hon. Officers, of particular importance with the intention of bringing home to each one the necessity of making an early beginning in preparing for the next Congress which will be held in England in 1937.

Among several suggestions for looking ahead, Miss Musson put forward what might be termed a plea that everyone should in the interval become conversant with at least one foreign language.

Miss Musson paid a generous tribute of praise to the Founder of The International Council of Nurses, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the Councillors who had been instrumental in drawing up the constitution which, with revision at intervals, had during the course of rather more than thirty years made provision for the affiliation of Nurses' Associations from all countries, and these already numbered twenty-nine.

After a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Musson, the President invited members to look into the Isla Stewart Memorial Library to see the Medals which had been awarded to Miss Isla Stewart during her life-work as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The Medals had been presented by her sister, Miss Janet Stewart, and this precious gift now stands suitably mounted in a case under the Plaque of Isla Stewart, the work of Mr. Allan C. Wyon, which was placed over the fireplace in the Memorial Library in 1929.

In a bookcase near by is shown the Inscribed Book which was to have been presented to the late Miss N. Powell (Sister Hope), but her sudden death five days before the arranged date of presentation prevented. The Committee which had been formed to raise this testimonial as a recognition of her work by the Medical Staff of the Hospital decided to offer the illuminated testimonial "for safe keeping" to the Nurses' Library, together with a cheque for £51, the balance of the fund collected by "some of her friends," as the Honorary Treasurer of the Fund, Dr. Geoffrey Evans, expressed in a letter to Matron.

To the accompaniment of a pleasant tea, charmingly arranged in the Nurses' Sitting Room, photographs were taken of this particularly delightful Winter Gathering of the Members.

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#### THE BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

We are glad to learn of the formation of a League of the Nurses of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, with Miss A. B. Baillie, R.R.C., Matron of St. Monica's Home of Rest, Westbury-on-Trym, formerly Matron of the Royal Infirmary, as President; Miss E. M. S. Johnston, Matron of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, as Chairman of the Executive Committee; and Miss Irene H. Charley as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Applications for Membership should be addressed to Miss Charley, at 15, Manchester Square, London, W.1.

#### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King's Message to various parts of the Empire will be broadcast on Christmas Day at 3 p.m. Millions of His people will eagerly await it.

As Christmas approaches and purse strings are loosened, although the contents of the purse may be slender and the demands upon it many, nothing makes a greater appeal than the poverty of aged gentlewomen who have known better days. To such, Miss Sheppard's Annuitants' Homes for Distressed Gentlewomen give comfort and sanctuary, and the good work they can accomplish is limited only by the financial support they receive. These Homes were founded in the memorable days of Florence Nightingale, more than 77 years ago, and time has justified the foresight of their foundress, for all the Homes are full. But there is tragedy in the fact that there is no room for the ever-growing number of applicants for admission, many most piteous cases. The Chairman of the Homes is Field-Marshal Sir Claud W. Jacob, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., to whom donations should be sent at 8, Queensborough Terrace, London, W.2; and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Hurry Fenwick, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.

Mr. Edwin Dalton, of Winsover Road, Spalding, Lincs. who died last April, left £250 to the Guardians of the Poor of the Spalding Union, the income to be used in providing the inmates of the House with a day's outing each summer, and £550 to the Spalding Nursing Association, the income, to provide two guineas for each nurse in their employ on December 24th in each year, to be called the "Mrs. Edwin Dalton Christmas Box."

#### THE PASSING BELL.

We record with sincere regret the death, on the 19th instant, of Miss Elizabeth Margaret Cameron, Senior Nursing Sister, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, after an illness of many months' standing. Miss Cameron was appointed to Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India in February, 1918, and continued to serve until she was placed on the sick list. She was beloved by all and her gracious and kindly personality will be greatly missed. The service is poorer by her passing and deep sympathy will be felt for her relatives in their bereavement.

On November 19th, the result of a motor accident at Lucknow, Staff Nurse Miss Dorothy Cuthbert, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss Cuthbert received her training at Westminster Hospital and on completion was appointed to Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service on January 7th, 1931.

She embarked for a tour of service in India on February 23rd, 1932, and her untimely and sudden death is deeply regretted by her many friends and colleagues.

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