

nised the significance and value of the great International Council of Nurses as a factor in world civilization.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers, Miss Elma Smith said that Sir Alfred Rice-Oxley had so to speak "taken the words out of her mouth," and she was sure all the Members present wished to associate themselves with his words and to congratulate Mrs. Fenwick on the development of this great International Council of Nurses, which owed its origin to her vision and inspiration.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary, Miss Isabel Macdonald, "the soul of the movement" as described by the Chair, was passed with acclamation.

At the termination of the meeting a social gathering with tea took place—the wonderful flowers beautifully arranged were greatly admired.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund was held at 194, Queen's Gate, on 25th May. The Report for the year 1933 indicates that, in spite of the serious conditions still existing in the financial world, the fund has been able to carry forward its usual support to sick and aged nurses; over seventy of those are in receipt of annuities. Unfortunately, as is to be expected in these days, there is a fall in the sum received from investments and both donations and subscriptions have been less than in the previous year; we hope that these will improve before the next Report is issued. The Council endeavour not to use any sums, received in subscriptions and donations during the year, to meet annuities. These sums are carefully set aside and, when a sufficient amount has been invested, a fresh annuity is thus established and maintained by the income so arising. The fact that about seventy nurses are in receipt of annuities is a guarantee, to those who subscribe, that their money is helping those for whose benefit it was subscribed. There are no salaried officials and the Royal British Nurses' Association makes no charge for office rent; any fully qualified nurse is eligible to benefit from this Fund except in the case of some annuities which are earmarked for members of certain organisations; annuities founded subsequent to 1931 are reserved for State Registered Nurses. We hope that readers of the JOURNAL will give what support they can to this Benevolent Fund. The Council thank all who have so generously contributed throughout the year, and also they desire to thank those nurses, mostly members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who have so kindly come in from time to time to do addressing and in other ways to help the fund to carry out a great deal of clerical work which otherwise would, of necessity, have been a charge upon money subscribed for sick and aged nurses. The income received in subscriptions and donations last year, largely as a result of their work, was £824 10s. 8d., and doubtless the best thanks we can give to them is the information that, as the result of their labours, a blind nurse has been added to our list of annuitants.

PATIENTS THANK MR. HERBERT J. PATERSON, C.B.E.

On Saturday, June 16th, in response to an invitation to tea and a variety entertainment from Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, senior surgeon to the National Temperance Hospital, nearly 200 of his former "gastric patients" gathered in the beautifully decorated hall of the Hospital to express their thanks to the surgeon to whose skill they owe their present health and in many cases their lives.

This unique tea party has been held annually for the past 22 years, and has become a red-letter day in the lives of many of Mr. Paterson's patients.

A note of sadness was struck this year, as owing to Mr. Paterson's impending retirement from active work at the Hospital, this "Gastric Tea" was to be the last.

The entertainment included songs by Miss Grace Brockett, L.R.A.M., a ventriloquial sketch and magical items by Mr. Douglas Craggs, M.I.M.C., a topical song by Miss G. M. Jesson, and a humorous play by the Hospital Dramatic Club.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Paterson, Major Rigg (Chairman of the Hospital) referred to the long association of Mr. Paterson with the Hospital—33 years—and emphasised the interest which Mr. Paterson had always taken in the welfare of the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, an interest which he assured Mr. Paterson was greatly appreciated by the Nursing Staff.

A beautiful wireless set was presented to Mr. Paterson by the patients as a mark of appreciation and gratitude to their "friend as well as their surgeon."

One patient very practically and generously expressed his gratitude by associating Mr. Paterson's name with a gift to the Hospital of £1,000 to endow a bed in perpetuity.

Rarely, we feel, has a surgeon inspired such affection and trust in the hearts of his numerous patients, and it speaks well for the Voluntary Hospital system that this feeling of friendship is engendered between a surgeon and those who have been under his care.

SUMMER FÊTE AT THE WRIGHT-KINGSFORD HOME.

The annual summer fête at the Wright-Kingsford Home for Children, North Finchley, on Saturday, June 16th, was opened by the Mayor of Finchley. We fortunate ones who were present had only to look at the sturdy children to agree with all he said concerning the success of the work of Miss Wright and Miss Kingsford.

The charm of an entertainment by children lies less in the perfection of the technique than in the naive desire to please on the part of the young players. Many of the items showed real joy in the performance. The skipping-rope drill by the Home children, a dance by a young "Diana," and a merry measure to the tune of "Johnny's so long at the Fair," gave obvious pleasure to the little performers themselves.

The willingness of all the actors and helpers at the numerous stalls and sideshows made the afternoon delightful. We hope the pounds and pence danced as nimbly as the little artistes.

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OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of the following members: Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Dempster, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Lenton, Mrs. Sparke, Mrs. Wainwright, Miss Carter, Miss Rumball, and Miss Saunders.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wainwright (*née* Clement), who was a well known and most popular member of the Association and the Club, was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and, prior to her marriage, held several important posts. She bore the suffering involved in a particularly painful illness with a courage and cheerfulness that called forth admiration as well as sympathy from her colleagues who have expressed so widely their sorrow on learning of her passing. We shall all miss her cheery presence at the Club, where she usually resided during her husband's absences, and in her the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund has lost a friend who gave many a spare hour to its benevolent activities.

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