

number of sick and aged members of the profession who, without the good will of their colleagues, would not have escaped from the loneliness that is apt to creep up, among the ghosts of old friendships, at Christmas time, those who through ill-health and sickness have been forced to withdraw from the busy active lives, with their numerous points of contact, which the nurses are privileged to lead while they are following their profession. Only those who read the letters in acknowledgment of our "Christmas cards" can realise the joy that our large and very scattered hospitality gives rise to for those who receive it and how grateful they are to be "remembered" by the profession to which they still belong and to know that their colleagues have friendly and sympathetic thoughts of them at the Christmas season. As one nurse writes she thinks of those who have helped as "wearing their jewels of kindness" at this time. In the case of many of those receiving half-yearly cheques from the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, the small Christmas cheque seems to give far more delight than the much larger ones they receive each half-year. From letters that we receive during the year it is often apparent that the radiance of that "extravagant day with something over" lasts all through the year. "Extravagant" may be a relative term, but to be compelled to be "extravagant" is an enviable experience on Christmas Day, even if the expenditure involved does not after all amount to so very much. We have not quite completed the accounts and work concerned as we go to press, but cheques are being sent to about a hundred and sixty nurses and a number of smaller gifts besides to some who are not receiving the ordinary cheques.

The Calendars mean an enormous amount of work, far more than most people realise, and the labour of sending them out has been very great. In this connection we are greatly indebted to the following who have each taken a considerable share in it: Miss Addison, Miss Atkinson, Miss Giffen and Miss Swaby Smith. The compilation of the Calendar is one thing and the organisation for its sale is another, but without the help of those energetic helpers there would not have been nearly so much money for distribution after the printing and other expenses had been met. To all those who have with such good will given practical encouragement to this Christmas scheme we offer sincere thanks and we just hope that they may reap some reward when, day by day, they read a quotation to place in their sub-consciousness from which it will work up in influencing their view of life, and in helping in various aspects themselves and others on the journey through another year. Poetry, especially when one does not take a surfeit of it, is health giving and restful, probably in part because its various rhythms so proportionate to those of the body, as for instance in those of the circulation and respiration.

GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Misses Gemmell, Flora Macdonald, Stoddart, flowers; Miss Treasure, flowers and plant; Mrs. Payne, a Stilton cheese.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We remind our Members that the annual subscriptions fall due on January 1st of each year. This is provided for in Bye-law VIII, and it saves the office a very large amount of clerical work when the Members are kind enough to observe the provisions of the Bye-law without receiving any special and individual notice of it.

THE CHINESE EXHIBITION.

We have obtained, for Members of the Association, a supply of privileged tickets for the Chinese Exhibition. Those who desire to have them should call at the office or write enclosing 1s. for the ticket and 1½d. for its postage.

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Secretary to the Corporation.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

REGULATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

On December 17th, 1935, the Leaflet of Regulations, approved by the Grand Council of the N.C.N. for the award of Scholarships (The Florence Nightingale International Foundation) was issued to every President of the Member Associations inviting her to give publicity to the Regulations, which were also inserted in the issue of this Journal for December, 1935. Thus it is hoped with this wide publicity there may be a number of suitable candidates applying for the Scholarship to be awarded for 1936-1937. The Official Forms can be procured after February 1st, from Miss S. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. These Forms must be returned to Miss Villiers, by March 1st, 1936, carefully filled in, including the papers of reference required.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

The first Meeting of the International Congress Arrangements Committee was held at Headquarters of the National Council of Nurses at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Friday, January 10th, when preliminary arrangements were discussed and certain details agreed.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held, by kind permission, in the Bedford Fenwick Hall at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W., on December 4th, 1935, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss W. P. Solomon, was in the Chair, and there was a good attendance.

The Report, presented by Miss M. Drakard, showed the excellent progress made by the Association during the past year.

In her opening remarks, Miss Solomon reminded those present of the need of increasing the membership. At the end of the meeting they would have the pleasure of entertaining the Matrons of the Infectious Hospitals' Association at the "At Home," and she hoped that the members would interest them in advising nurses to join the League.

Further, that the International Council of Nurses' Congress would be held in 1937, and State Registered Fever Nurses, by joining the League, would be privileged to take part in the Congress; also that nurses will miss many interesting contacts if they do not take steps to join one of the associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

A large amount of business was dealt with, and it was agreed, with acclamation, to send a letter of congratulation to Miss F. M. Campbell on her election to the National Council of Nurses as a Director.

Miss L. M. Mackie, who attended the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain as a delegate of the Association, drew attention to the wonderful efficiency of the work done by the National Council of Nurses.

A very warm vote of thanks was accorded to the Chair, Miss Solomon, and to Miss M. Drakard for her invaluable services as Hon. Secretary.

All assembled for Tea, where they were joined by guests, by the invitation of Miss Drakard, who gave hospitality.

All reassembled in the Lecture Hall at 4.45 p.m., where Mr. Livesey Fowler gave his audience a treat in his brilliant Lecture on "Saint Joan."

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