

He urged members to keep the Fund intact and use only the interest at present. The Fund should be a limited amount so that capital could be drawn upon when sufficiently large. It is necessary first to have a nucleus and then the funds will grow. It must be a living fund, the interest should be spent, and what is unexpended should be added to the capital. He suggested pooling all the funds that had been collected.

Miss Tennent proposed that some of the funds should be used for the loan system of bursary. This suggestion was afterwards approved by the Council, and it was decided to recommend to the branches concerned that money available be lent to nurses desirous of taking the Post-Graduate Course, such loan to be repaid within a given period. The candidates for such loan will be chosen by the Association.

Miss Macdonald pointed out that the establishment of a Post-Graduate Course is largely due to Miss Bicknell's hard work and keen interest in the course.

Miss Holford gave a resume of the history of the Nurses' Memorial Fund. This fund now has a capital of £23,000. The thanks and gratitude of all nurses

are due to Sir Lindo Fergusson, who has rendered invaluable assistance from the beginning. Miss Holford mentioned the case of a nurse who had been on her back for three years. She applied to the Fund and assistance was promptly sent. Her health improved, she was able to return home, and as she got stronger she determined that she would do all she could to forward the interests of the Fund so that she could help some one else.

"Does anyone give a thought when pay-day comes," said Miss Holford, "to those nurses who may be in need of help?" She concluded by making a strong appeal for small contributions.

Miss Bagley, on behalf of the Auckland branch, congratulated the Otago branch of the establishment of the Nurses' Memorial Fund, and on behalf of the delegates moved a special vote of thanks to Miss Tennent, Lady Superintendent, and the members of her staff who had done so much to make these open meetings a success.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to an end a conference which all agreed was the most instructive and inspiring that had ever been held.

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## The Late Miss Stott

Soon after the Central Council met, Mrs. Kidd proposed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to Miss Stott, who was lying very seriously ill in Wellington. Miss Stott had been an active member of the Council for years, and members would like her to know that they were thinking of her during her illness. Miss Bicknell said that Miss Stott had asked to be remembered to the Council. She thought it would be a graceful act on the part of the Council to send her a vote of sympathy. Miss Stott had always taken a great interest in nursing generally and would appreciate such a resolution.

The following morning a telegram was received saying that Miss Stott had passed away the previous evening. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Miss Tennent asked that there should

be recorded on the minutes our sorrow in the loss of Miss Stott and the Central Council's appreciation of her work for the Association.

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