

do not only owe a duty to the profession of Nursing, but we owe an account of our stewardship to all other bodies of working women, who, less fortunate than ourselves, are struggling for legal status, liberty of action, and self-government. Those who are seeking to wrest those rights from us are few in number; their attempts have been twice defeated in a Court of Justice; and they are becoming rapidly discredited both with the public and the profession. Therefore again we say—"have patience and stand firm."

A STATISTICAL correspondent sends us the following interesting items. We have not verified the figures ourselves, but if correct they are very significant:—"Altogether some 3,874 members have joined the Royal British Nurses' Association since it was started in 1887, and 2,754 now remain on the roll, according to the last issue of the *Nurses' Journal*, so that in nine years 1,120 have fallen out of the ranks. Of the first 500 members only 270 remain, 50 of the first hundred, 56 of the second, 57 of the third, 54 of the fourth, and 53 of the fifth hundred. During the past year, 128 members seem to have resigned, changed their names, or died. One of our most regrettable losses during the past year is the withdrawal of No. 4 (Miss Mollett). No. 64, Miss Mary Cadbury, we have unfortunately lost by death."

There are now 208 medical members, who pay an entrance fee of £1 1s., and no annual subscription, and who are represented by 41 medical honorary officers, viz., 37 vice-presidents, 2 vice-chairmen, 1 treasurer, and 1 hon. medical secretary. The 2,546 Nurse members, who pay an entrance fee of £2 2s., or a yearly subscription of 5s., are represented by 2 Nurse hon. officers, viz., 1 vice-chairman, and 1 hon. secretary. As 1 medical member out of every 5 is an honorary officer, and only 1 Nurse out of every 1,273 Nurse-members is accorded the same distinction, it seems ridiculous to call it a Nurses' Association."

EVERY year one or more of the large Training Schools adopt the course of binding their Probationers for a term of four years. We hear that for the future all women entering for training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, at Plymouth, will be required to conform to this regulation; in the former Institution the certificate will, we believe, be granted as heretofore at the expiration of the third year. The salaries of Nurses at St. Bartholomew's have now been raised to £40 a year, after five years' service in the Hospital, with uniform, washing, and extended holidays, so that in these days of keen competition for good Nursing work, the standard of the Nursing Staff should attain a very high standard

of experience and efficiency. Further reorganisation in nursing matters is somewhat difficult at this Hospital, owing to the great need for a new Nursing Home, which lack of space for building purposes has so far proved an impossibility. No doubt when Christ's Hospital is moved into the country—as it should have been years ago—we shall see the model Home in connection with our first Royal Hospital, which has been so ardently longed for by its successive Matrons.

MANY old "Barts." Nurses will learn with sorrow of the bad accident sustained by Miss Henderson, Home Sister, by a fall from her bicycle, the wheels of a bus passing over her. Though much bruised and shaken, we are glad to learn that, under first-class surgical treatment and good Nursing, Miss Henderson is recovering, and it is to be hoped that no complications will follow an accident which might so easily have proved fatal.

MISS AGNES WESTON, the "Sailor's Friend," the founder of the Royal Sailor's Homes at Devonport and Portsmouth, is a patient at Portsmouth Hospital, suffering from a compound fracture of the leg, also the result of a bicycle accident at Southsea, where her machine skidded on the tram lines and threw her to the ground.

A NURSE has written to the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal* maintaining the point we have often touched on, that a Hospital Journal is not really complete unless it contain some news about the Nursing Staff and the work they do.

ON Monday Princess Louise, who was accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, opened an addition to the premises of the Scottish branch of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses in Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. There was a large attendance, which included the Lord Provost, Lord Reay, Sir Thomas Clark, and Mr. Robert Cox, M.P. Lord Reay stated that they had 72 affiliated Associations, and that this year 14 branches had been added to the Institute.

THE *Citizen* has interviewed Mr. Harold Boulton, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the "Queen's Commemoration Fund," and extracted from him some interesting items concerning the work of the Queen's Jubilee Institute. During its six years' work 293 Nursing Associations have been affiliated. A large sum of money has been expended, £15,000 alone on the training of Nurses for district work. The Nurses must now have two years' training, and their work is inspected by trained Nursing Inspectors, and it costs £100 a year to keep a trained Queen's Nurse in the district. Inadvertently the interviewer asked Mr. Boulton if he had "heard the suggestion of Sister Rose

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