

must enlarge their borders, and take in other representative women if they wish for widespread and popular support. We should like to see included in the committee such names as those of Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Scharlieb, Miss Louisa Twining, the President of the National Union of Women Workers the Honorable Mrs. Arthur T. Lyttelton, Mrs. Humphry Ward, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Eva McLaren, and last, but not least, Mrs. Fenwick Miller, brilliant journalist and woman of affairs, and the originator of the Women's Jubilee Offering to Queen Victoria.

Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Greece requires another nurse for the Children's Hospital at Athens, of which Miss Jessie Parson is now Matron. Information can be obtained from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Applicants must have been trained in children's nursing, and be physically strong. The engagement will be for two years.

The audacity of the American Committee in venturing to invite Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to be the Honorary President of the International Nurses' Congress at Buffalo without first obtaining his consent, has given great umbrage to the Chairman of "Welsbachs," to judge from furious little "pars" which appear weekly in his paper on this subject. How fortunate for these "daughters of the revolution" that they are separated from Tower Hill by some 3,000 miles of Atlantic breakers.

The report of that most excellent Society, the Middlesborough Nursing Association, shows that much good work has been done during the past year. The district nurses have paid 18,894 visits, and, through the medium of the home, 560 gallons of soup have been distributed, 734 dinners given to convalescent patients, besides milk, beef tea, eggs, clothing, and other necessaries. The Committee express the opinion that the work has been done in the most satisfactory manner by Miss Purvis the Lady Superintendent, and the District Nursing Staff; and the Mayor (Councillor R. Mascall) stated at the annual meeting that the work was most deserving of sympathy and help, and was highly appreciated by the Guardians and the public. We are, therefore, sorry to see that the Association is hampered for want of funds and that it owes a considerable sum to the bank. We hope this may soon be transformed into a substantial balance on the right side.

A sad case of death from carbolic poisoning, which occurred at the Bradford Children's Hospital, was last week the subject of an inquest. A nurse who had been using carbolic lotion for

combing a child's head, put down the basin near the patient while she went out of the ward. The child was seen by another nurse to take up the basin and drink its contents. In spite of medical assistance, the child died in about an hour. The Coroner commented on the carelessness of the nurse in leaving a poison near the bed. He thought there had been no culpable negligence, but that the occurrence should be a warning to other nurses in the institution. We may add to nurses all the world over, for "familiarity breeds contempt," and it is far from uncommon to find, even now, the dressings required for a case set out on a locker by the patient's bedside, including a basin containing poisonous lotion.

Apparently the Croydon ratepayers are to be compelled by the Guardians to pay for two Matrons at their infirmary, as the following is the printed list of the duties of the new officer called Superintendent of Nurses. No doubt they have been so defined in the hope that Miss Julian will tire of having nothing to do, and will resign. We hope she will do no such thing.

1. To undertake the immediate supervision of the Nurses, and to enforce punctuality and the due observance of the rules prescribed by the Board for their guidance and discipline.
2. To undertake the training of the Probationer Nurses and to periodically lecture to them. The lectures to the Probationer Nurses to be so arranged that a lecture to each of the first, second and third year Probationers shall be given once a week.
3. To be responsible for the nursing in the Wards, and to see that the Sisters and Nurses carry out the orders of the Medical Officers in charge faithfully and punctually.
4. To visit the Wards at frequent intervals, and not less than twice during any day to supervise the Nurses in the performance of their duties.
5. To arrange for the disposition of the Nurses in the various Wards, subject to the approval of the Medical Superintendent.
6. To arrange for the daily leave of absence of the Nurses and to submit the same to the Medical Superintendent each morning for approval, and when approved to issue the necessary passes.
7. In conjunction with the Home Sister to preside at the various messes of the Nurses, and to take her meals with them.
8. To report at once to the Medical Superintendent any case of sickness among the Nurses, and take care that every attention is shown to those who may be invalided.
9. To keep a report book, in which shall be entered all matters requiring attention, and submit the same to the Medical Superintendent every morning.
10. To make a nightly round of the Wards alternately with the Home Sister.
11. Not to be absent from the building without the knowledge of the Medical Superintendent, and having first obtained his permission to do so.
12. To be entitled to three weeks' leave of absence annually.

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