

Kinney being the Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps in the United States. Thus the principle is established by the Governments both in this country and in America, that State Departments dealing with trained nursing, to be efficient, must be in charge of trained nurses. We hope that the application of this principle will be extended, until in each Government Office dealing with nursing a trained Superintendent of Nursing is found in charge. It is only in this way that efficiency is possible.

The following nursing sisters are now on their way home from South Africa:—

In the *Braemar Castle*:—Sisters. S. Clarke, A. M'Leod, M. C. Reilly, A. M. Lashwood, H. Wolford Hansen, C. Cruickshank, and E. Smith.

In the *Aurania*:—Sisters K. Webb, Alicia B. Noble, G. Deacon, L. E. Colston, M. E. Richardson, F. M. Learmouth, E. Johnson, V. P. Squire, E. M'Intosh, A. A. Bousfield, E. M. Renden, B. E. Caws, M. A. C. Millington, D. E. J. Wetton, E. Ellis, E. Prangley, A. E. Byrne, E. A. S. Webster, C. E. A. Thorpe, E. A. Chaffey, M. J. Mill, F. H. Barry, M. Ounsworth, E. M. Beetham, M. M. Tunley, G. K. Swanton, H. H. Mason, E. Kitching, P. M. Barsdorf, M. Talbot, A. Austin.

In the *Norman Castle*: Sisters C. Strahan and I. A. H. Seligmann.

In the *Arundel Castle*:—Sisters B. F. Bolton, D. Gilbert, A. Britton, G. A. Boyce, E. Coburn, D. Cocker, and E. A. Hancock.

Our illustration of the roof garden at the London Homoeopathic Hospital shows what can be done by planning and ingenuity. The space available is very limited, yet by clever utilisation the Sisters of this hospital are able to enjoy many pleasant little outdoor teas in the fresh air and surrounded by green creepers and bright flowering plants.

The report of the managers of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum District for the year ending Lady Day, 1902, is a very interesting document, which, full of statistics as it is, must have involved a large amount of labour to its compiler and editor. Not only does the report include an abstract of accounts and many statistics, but it gives a list of the names of every officer and servant of the Board, together with the office held in each case, the date of appointment, the salary received, and any general remarks which may be necessary.

With regard to the Sick Asylum at Bromley, we note that during the year two examinations of probationers were conducted by Mr. H. P. Dean, F.R.C.S. Sixteen candidates passed a successful examination, and received their certificates subsequently from the Chairman of the Board.

Thirty-two probationers and one head nurse sat for the examination in Sick Cookery in connection with the Cookery Classes held at the Asylum, under the auspices of the Technical Education Board of the London County Council, during the year. The total number of passes was twenty-two.

With the approval of the Local Government Board, the Managers have revised and increased the salaries of the staff nurses during the year, with a view of inducing them to continue longer in the service of the Board of Management. The nurses under this heading are invariably recruited from the ex-probationer nurses who have obtained their certificates after the three years' training in the Asylum. Under the former regulation, the Managers having trained the nurses, other institutions reaped the benefit of their training by offering better inducements.

At a recent meeting of the Brighton Board of Guardians, the Chairman, the Rev. A. R. C. Cocks, in pursuance of notice, moved that, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board, the Guardians pay to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Association the sum of £100 per annum for their services in nursing cases in receipt of outdoor relief, and to assist them in carrying on their nursing work in the parish of Brighton; but after some discussion this was rejected by sixteen votes to six. We think the time will come when all Boards of Guardians will, as a matter of course, employ a parish nurse in the same way that they employ a parish doctor, whether selected directly by the Board or provided through the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute.

The cost of travelling in trams and omnibuses by district nurses in large towns is considerable, but the use of these conveyances is absolutely necessary if they are to get through their work quickly. Some companies are very generous in this respect, and give free passes to district nurses—a very substantial donation in the course of the year to the funds of the Associations with which the nurses are connected. The Leeds District Nursing Society is not so fortunate as to have obtained free passes or reduced rates for its nurses, and the Hon. Secretary points out "the outlay is considerable, but it is absolutely necessary."

A nurse's professional uniform is put to many uses, the latest being that a firm of soap-makers near Liverpool have adopted it for the women they employ to push their wares. This firm has advertised for "lady canvassers for Blackburn, to call from house to house," the remuneration offered is "wages 21s. per week; hospital nurses' costumes provided by us." We are glad that a contemporary referring to this advertisement hopes that the public

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