

or no chance of their being accepted by one of the old standing, approved friendly societies; thus it was important either that specially approved societies should be formed for nurses or that the Bill should be so amended as to allow the R.N.P.F. to become an approved Society, and an amendment had been framed by Sir Alfred Cripps in the House of Commons to enable it to do so without forming a subsidiary organisation.

It must be borne in mind that the Bill at present provides that no Society shall receive the approval of the Insurance Commissioners unless it satisfies certain conditions, amongst which are:—Its affairs must be subject to the absolute control of its members; and its constitution must provide for the election of all its committees, representatives, and officers by its members.

Miss F. E. Sipman, Secretary of the London Association of Nurses, 123, New Bond Street, in a letter addressed to the *Times*, endorses every word of a letter by Sir Henry Morris, and pleads for "some relief from the almost intolerable noise of motors hooting through the night." She writes further:—

I have slept through the street noises of Bond Street (including fire engines) for 20 years, but during the last 12 months sleep, with the exception of a few hours after 2 a.m., has become an impossibility. The noise of a motor at night, its rush down an empty street to an accompaniment of nerve-shattering hoots, is in a class apart from all others, more nervously exhausting than the work of the day, and causing such loss of sleep as must eventually destroy one's power to work at all. When in addition one has to endure till after midnight the grinding, tearing noise of motor omnibuses, one's fate is hard indeed.

If the present menagerie of noises, grunts, and squeals, howls, bellowings, and roarings could be abolished, and one standard hooter of less piercing quality sanctioned by the police, with more careful and considerate use on the part of the chauffeurs, much would be done to ensure for London workers a night's rest in preparation for the day with its own many and inevitable noises.

On Tuesday last a Nurses' Coronation Garden Party was held in the charming grounds of the Kingston Hill Infirmary. Dr. Donald, the Medical Superintendent, and Miss A. Smith, the Matron, welcomed the guests most hospitably, and as the afternoon was ideal the scene presented was very gay. The able Chairman, Mrs. Paxton Browne, who was present, no doubt reviewed with pride the groups of Sisters and Nurses, so neat in appearance, the whole staff so evidently blooming and happy. A delightful band played all the

afternoon, and tennis and croquet, tea and chat kept everyone in a cheery mood. The beautiful Infirmary looked its best inside and out, the balconies still gaily decorated in honour of the Coronation, and the wards models of cleanliness and order. An immense amount of work is being carried on at Kingston Infirmary, which contains nearly 600 beds. Hundreds of cases of ringworm come under the beneficent X-ray treatment yearly, and with garden space at disposal it is well that these poor little patients can spend so much time in the open air. The Nurses' Coronation Party was a great success in every way.

The *Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League Journal* publishes this month an extraordinarily lucid article on "The Registration of Nurses." The question is wonderfully reasoned. Every member of the League who is not already a member of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses should become one after reading it.

The Duke of Devonshire is to open the new extension of the Nightingale Nursing Home, in connection with the Royal Derby and Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association, on Friday, August 4th.

To meet the difficulty experienced in New Zealand of obtaining a sufficient number of nurses for staff appointments, the Inspector General of Hospitals has been authorised by the Cabinet to offer employment to a limited number of nurses who will go out from England, and the Colonial Nursing Association has been authorised to find twelve suitable nurses. They will be received by an officer of the Department, their board will be paid, and they will receive a salary at the rate of £52 per annum pending their being drafted away to suitable positions in hospitals.

It is also proposed by the Health Department, we learn from *Kai Tiaki*, to maintain a staff of trained nurses. These nurses will be sent wherever nursing help is needed; away to the country if there is an outbreak of illness among either natives or Europeans, or to give temporary help in any of the State hospitals, or other hospitals, at time of stress. Almost always there are nurses employed by the Department in nursing in various places, and to have a permanent staff would be of great advantage, and nurses thus entering the Government service would have the satisfaction of serving the public under the ægis of a Department which would always recognise good work.

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