

The Ball to be held in Liverpool in support of the new Nurses' Home so greatly needed at the Royal Infirmary, takes place on April 8th, not on February 8th as announced. It is hoped that it may be a great financial success.

A V.A.D. tells the story that at a hospital at which she worked during the war, new laid eggs sent to the patients were inscribed with texts. Those on which "Justified by Faith" was written naturally aroused suspicion.

The Industrial Court has granted the application by the National Poor Law Officers' Association (Incorporated) against the Hammer-smith Board of Guardians for the application of the Civil Service scale of war bonus to the Board's officers. The decision in all cases is retrospective to October 1, 1920.

We are constantly noting in the press "Charge Against Nurse," and then reading of disgraceful criminal conduct. Are all these abortionists nurses? We very much doubt it, especially as so many of them have foreign names, but the discredit is all lumped on to the nursing profession. It makes us very impatient to see our Trained Nurses' Register in print, and available in Courts of Law.

Mrs. Lincoln, the wife of a foreman wool sorter at Bradford, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court at the Marylebone Police Court on Monday, on the charge of murder. She was further charged with performing illegal operations on women at Bradford, and in one case had given a receipt as follows:—"Received from Miss Peel the sum of £50 for professional services rendered.—Nurse Hodgson."

Nurse, indeed—how many crimes are committed in thy name!

New Year's Day was observed with all honour at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, when the annual meeting of the Managers with the nursing staff took place under the presidency of Lord Provost Paxton, who was accompanied by Mrs. Paxton. The Chairman of the Board of Managers, Mr. James Macfarlane, and a large company of friends of the institution, were present, as well as Dr. J. Maxtone Thom, the Superintendent, and the Matron, Miss Melrose. At the outset the honours won by the nurses during the year were announced, and received with much applause. *Gold Medal*, Nurse Marion Jardine; *Silver Medal*, Nurse Mary L. Johnstone; *Bronze Medal*, Nurse Liliastrom. During the year 110 new probationers and

other members have been admitted on to the nursing staff, and 93 have resigned to take up other work. The Assistant Matron, Miss Mackenzie, has retired after a long period of faithful service, and has been succeeded by Miss Williamson.

The Lord Provost, in wishing those present the compliments of the season, said that in the year which had just closed an extraordinary amount of work was done by the doctors and nurses of the institution for the relief and alleviation of distress and suffering. He was afraid many of the citizens of Glasgow had not the slightest idea of it, or of the services rendered by the staff generally. They deserved the best thanks of the whole community.

Mr. James Macfarlane, Chairman, in expressing the thanks of the Managers to the Staff for their services, said that last year their principal difficulty was that of finance; this year it was a different but equally important one—the supply of nurses. It was impossible to carry on an institution of that description, under conditions acceptable to the staff, without an adequate supply of nurses, and at the present time they were experiencing difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number.

During the last seven years the whole outlook had changed. There were more hospitals to be staffed, and employers of labour were showing a deep interest in the social and physical welfare of their employees; thus, in most of the large factories, good appointments were open to nurses under very congenial conditions. He emphasised the opportunities afforded by nursing for a useful and pleasant career.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held, by the kind invitation of Miss Marsters, Superintendent of the Marylebone and Paddington District Nursing Association, at its beautiful new Home, 117, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, on Saturday, January 29th, at 3 p.m. Miss Marsters will address the meeting on "District Nursing and Social Welfare," and has most kindly invited the members to tea after the meeting. Now that the pioneers of Nursing Organisation no longer meet in ardent pursuit of a Nurses' Registration Act, they specially value the quarterly meetings of the Matrons' Council, where they have the happiness of meeting old friends.

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