

hear from any Marylebone-trained nurse who has not received an invitation card.

The Infirmary Committee are issuing invitations to friends of the Institution, and Sir Arthur Newsholme, K.C.B., M.P., F.R.C.P., will distribute the Prizes to Probationers and deliver an address. Tea will be served in the garden, and no doubt a very happy reunion will take place.

The Unemployment Insurance Act, a scheme which includes trained nurses and to which they have to subscribe, is now law. During the debate on the Bill in the Lords an amendment, moved by Lord Selborne, permitting contracting out was carried against the Government by 18. Later, in the Commons, the Minister of Labour moved to disagree with the Lords' amendment, which was carried by 142 votes to 32. Trained nurses have been very sheep-like over this new tax, to which they object, but apparently have not the energy to defeat.

The Halifax Board of Guardians have decided to appoint a sub-committee to meet the managers of the Halifax Infirmary to discuss proposals for the appointment of a joint official for training the nurses at the Infirmary and at St. Luke's Hospital.

The Infirmary Committee has already prepared a scheme under which a sister tutor would be appointed, but the Hospital Committee desired that such official should spend half time at the Infirmary and half time at St. Luke's Hospital. The sub-committee will discuss the matter with the Infirmary managers.

Co-operation between groups of hospitals must be the order of the day if highly efficient teaching is to be available throughout the nursing schools. Halifax hospital authorities are doing wisely.

The Essex Nursing Association has always been run on very inefficient standards and unethical lines. We are therefore not surprised to learn that at the annual meeting recently held at River Plate House, E.C., the Rev. J. Bradford, in presenting the financial statement, pointed out that the work was run very largely on earned income, and that "Nurses in training, who had almost completed their training, had earned for them £3,600. (Applause.) Then expenditure had been very carefully watched, and when they divided the cost of maintenance over the number upon whom Miss Thresh had

reported they would begin to wonder how Sister Alice managed to do as well as she did with so small an expenditure. (Hear, hear.) The whole of the expenditure they had collated for the first time. He referred them to the financial epitome in the report, showing that subscriptions and donations amounted to £6,100, and grants from Boards of Guardians, from charities as the result of sales of work, and entertainments, £1,700; a total of £7,800. Their nurses earned £6,000, and the County Council grant amounted to £5,700, so that out of a total income of £19,500 the County Council only provided £5,700. He asked them, therefore, to realise how much they were indebted to voluntary and generous effort, and he claimed that they had fully vindicated the voluntary side of their work."

Nothing, in our opinion, vindicates the ruthless exploitation of the working nurses of a cool £6,000! or of employing "nurses in training" for commercial purposes.

Miss Kathleen M. Olmsted, the Associate Chief of the Department of Nursing and Director of Public Health Nursing, of the League of Red Cross Societies, Geneva, is proving a very able assistant to Miss Alice Fitzgerald. She was trained and graduated in 1912 at the Johns Hopkins' Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., and has done invaluable pioneer work as a member of the staff of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association in that city, for which Association she made a special survey of blindness and care of the blind. In Illinois she did much for the development of rural nursing. Miss Olmsted later became connected with the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association and Director of Public Health Nursing. As a Red Cross nurse she did fine work in the war zone with a special commission composed of experts in public health, sanitarians and sociologists in Roumania, and conducted clinics for women and children along the Eastern front under horrible conditions in the devastated, typhus-stricken areas among Russians, Roumanians and Armenians. Miss Olmsted has a great work in front of her, and her colleagues, in their *Alumnæ Magazine*, congratulate her on securing such a wonderful opportunity for applying the social ideal of which she once told them she was an ardent advocate in the following words:—"Health, Bread for all, and Roses, too."

That really is a lovely aspiration, calculated to promote civilisation and to make life worth while.

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