

that the money-raising efforts this year must greatly exceed those of 1922. The Council therefore invites everyone who knows the Mission to bring *one* person to the Sale who, so far, knows nothing of its work or its needs. Offers of help will be thankfully received by the Auxiliary Secretary.

One of the attractions of the Sale is to be a "Missing Word" competition, and Miss Knott, who is arranging it, is defraying all expenses, so that the whole profit comes to the Mission Funds. Copies of the Competition (price 1s. 6d.) were issued in November so that Mission friends abroad might have a chance of competing. It is hoped that all will help to make the competition a great success.

Concerning changes in the Mission Staff, great regret is expressed at the resignation by Miss Gloster of the position of Home Sister at Ranyard House. "It is not too much to say that she won the love of all, and her influence in the house was unique, both as regards her colleagues, the Mission Workers and Nurses in training, and the maids. Only failing health could have led her to resign, or convinced us that we must accept her resignation."

The difficulties with which nurses have to contend are often not realised by the general public, whose idea, as a rule, is that nursing consists of "smoothing the sick pillow," or assisting at critical operations. Recently two nurses at the Aldershot Hospital were much commended for the way in which they managed a patient, who was an ex-soldier, suffering from wounds in the throat, who made a desperate attempt to escape. Ultimately the police arrived, and the patient was rolled in a large mackintosh and taken to an asylum. Probably this is the reason why the matter received publicity, and the courage of the nurses in dealing with the patient was commented upon. We are quite sure they did their duty faithfully and well. So do many nurses of whom the public hears nothing, who, while the world sleeps, keep watch over delirious and insane patients.

Miss O. M. Wallis, who for eight years has been in the service of the Southwark Borough Council as a tuberculosis nurse, has, we regret to record, contracted the disease in the course of her duties.

For a considerable time the Council paid her salary in full, but terminated her appointment in August. Recently she informed the Council

that she was unable to continue nursing or to maintain herself, and asked whether they could not make her some payment.

The Council decided that it could make a grant under the Superannuation Act, and decided to give Miss Wallis a gratuity of £194.

On New Year's Day the meeting between the Managers and Nursing Staff of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, which for many years has been an annual fixture, took place at the Infirmary. Sir Thomas Paxton, the Lord Provost, presided, and conveyed the best wishes of the Managers to the Staff.

Referring to the Lister Ward, in which Lord Lister worked out his great discovery, and which the Managers have decided to demolish, the Lord Provost expressed the view that it ought to be preserved as a reminder to future generations of the great service which Lord Lister rendered to humanity, and hoped that they would reconsider their intention.

In wishing the nurses and staff of the Royal Infirmary a Happy New Year, the Lord Provost said he did not know what the world would be without the ministrations and womanly tenderness of those who, with unexampled self-sacrifice, devote their lives to the benefit of suffering humanity. He often marvelled that so many highly cultured and charming women year by year entered the nursing profession, knowing full well that the remuneration they received was not sufficient to enable them to put much, if anything, aside for a rainy day. They pursued their noble calling with no selfish object in view, and it was the duty of those who had benefited by their ministrations to see that when days of illness, weakness and pain came upon them they were not neglected. He referred to the joy it was to him to take part in the opening of the magnificent home for retired nurses at Dumbreck a few weeks ago, the inception of which was due to Mrs. David M'Cowan.

The question as to whether marriage should disqualify women in the public service is once again on the tapis, this time in connection with a trained nurse. The Wallasey Council last week gave one of their nurses three months' notice on account of her recent marriage. It is stated that the nurse is supporting four other persons as well as herself, her husband having been out of work for two years. Professional opinion in Liverpool appears to be in favour of the nurse, but there are undoubted arguments to be advanced on the side of the Council.

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