

on February 2nd, will have many momentous matters before it.

A Select Committee has been promised to consider "Nursing Homes" in relation to Mr. Gerald Hurst's Registration of Nursing Homes Bill—some interesting evidence should be forthcoming—and no doubt Nurses will attend to hear it.

The Hon. Marie Acton, evidently a very lovely maiden from her portrait, has decided to study nursing at King's College Hospital. Is this fair on the resident medical staff, heart aches are very perturbing?

Bad times do not apparently close the purses of the philanthropic. The Middlesex Hospital Reconstruction Fund has now reached £272,692 15s. 1d. to which the Nursing Staff Fund has contributed handsomely as follows:—

£1,167 14s. 6d., *Previously acknowledged*; £21 14s., Miss Florence Cross (collection); £10, Miss Lefroy; £6 2s., proceeds of Rummage Sale; £5 5s., Sister M. Carthew (collection), Miss Mabel E. Cassidy, Sister Hughes (collection), Mrs. Marshall, Nurse E. A. Williams; £5 4s. 3d., Miss Marjory Cowley (collection); £5, Sister Bastin, Nurse Kemble; £4, Miss E. M. Thompson; £2 17s. 6d., Nurse Smee (collection); £2 10s., Nurse Fraser (collection); £2 7s., Proceeds of Fan Raffle; £2 2s., Sister Queen (collection); £2, Miss Titherington (collection from past and present Nurses); £1 2s. 6d., Nurse E. Reading (collection); £1 1s., Mr. and Mrs. Canning, Mr. Arthur Shaw; £1, Sister Carlyle, Nurse Makings (collection); 10s. 6d., Mrs. Harvey, "In memory of Nurse E. Farrington", Miss F. Knox Willetts; 10s., Miss Coleman; 2s. 6d., Miss Morris, Miss V. E. Wallace.

Sir Alexander Harris, ex-Governor of Newfoundland, speaking recently at the Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, W.C., said the Englishwoman could be as good a pioneer as ever was any of the old navigators.

During an official tour in Newfoundland he called at Daniel's Harbour, an isolated settlement on a long stretch of coast which was the headquarters of a nurse sent to the district by his wife's committee.

"When we arrived a small crowd awaited us. We were received not by magistrate or policeman or any usual representative of authority, but by a bright-looking nurse in full nursing uniform, looking as if she had just come out of the wards of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Most of the leading men of the little place were away on some distant fishery, probably the Labrador; those who were left behind were shy and awkward and huddled behind the nurse in some doubts as to that strange being a Governor, whom they had never seen before.

It was the nurse who offered an impromptu address of welcome; it was the nurse who marshalled a procession to the schoolroom, and it was she also who returned a speech of thanks to my address; and very well Nurse Grimley did it."

The high ideals set before us by Miss Bergliot Larsson in her paper on "Private Nursing," read at Helsingfors, and published this month, will interest many readers.

Many are the nurses in this country trying to live up to this standard. There is, however, another side to the picture, and we have been so deeply impressed during the past year—coming as we do into intimate touch with many private nurses—with the callous and mean, not to say cruel, treatment of such nurses by some members of the public, that we propose to discuss their difficulties at some length in our next issue—before which date we shall be pleased to hear of authentic cases in which private nurses have been defrauded of their fees—and otherwise injured. Some few years ago we started "A Trained Nurses' Protection Society," but with the usual apathy amongst nurses where self-help is necessary (and no other help is much use) the Society failed to appeal. We still think such a Society is an urgent necessity for Registered Nurses, on the same wise lines as adopted by the Medical profession, which saves its members loss of fees, and—still more important—loss of reputation. Every worker is now an economic unit in the body politic—and should unite for safety and success.

The Annual Report of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, states that at the beginning of the year there were 339 members on the nursing staff. During the year 137 joined the staff and 122 left, and there were 354 on the staff at October 1, 1925. Applications for training numbered 676, being nine more than last year. The number of nurses suffering from tonsillitis and other ailments necessitated opening a ward as a nurses' sick-room for three months from the middle of November, 1924.

The Lord Provost of Glasgow (Sir Matthew W. Montgomery) presided over the New Year meeting with the Nurses of a large number of friends of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and congratulated the nursing staff upon the work they had accomplished during the past year. He referred to the retirement of their Medical Superintendent, Dr. Thom, after 23 years' service, and to the appointment of Dr. Ian M. Grant, whom he heartily welcomed. There had also, he said, been a number of changes in the Nursing Staff. Miss Williamson, formerly assistant matron, had been promoted to the office of matron. She had a long record of service in the Infirmary, and was highly esteemed by everyone connected with it, while during the War she served with distinction in the Territorial Army Nursing Service. Miss Duncan, who also had a splendid record of war service, had been appointed assistant matron. To both ladies they also offered a cordial welcome.

Dr. James Macfarlane, Chairman of the Board of Managers, in wishing the Nurses a happy and prosperous New Year, said it was the twelfth time that he had discharged that pleasant duty as Chairman of the Infirmary, and he did not think he had ever done so with more confidence than he did that day. The fact that they were about to enter into possession of the extension to the Nurses' Home no doubt contributed to the more hopeful feeling. The reputation of the Royal Infirmary as a training school had always stood high. He trusted that that reputation would be maintained. There could be no finer or more useful training and no nobler calling for women.

No more convincing proof of the esteem and affection

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