

from the doctors. Miss Mickie, in addressing a public meeting on the subject, stated that she thought a nurse could be stationed there for about £45 to £50 per annum. The weak point of very many district nursing associations, seems to be the miserably inadequate remuneration—salaries we cannot say—which they offer to nurses. Presumably they desire to secure the services of skilled and competent nurses. We desire, therefore, to state that no fully qualified nurse will, in our opinion, unless she has private means, apply for a post where she will receive only £45 to £50 per annum.

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Two Nurses are commencing District work in Grantham, as a result of the fund subscribed as a Memorial of the Diamond Jubilee in that town. They are working in connection with the Central Home of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

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WE cull the enclosed from *Asylum News*, and considering the present discreditable condition of the R.B.N.A., we cannot wonder that Asylum Nurses are not overpowered with the honour of the suggested affiliation. We call attention to the manner in which our predictions on this subject are being verified, and once more express our deep regret that Dr. Outterson Wood, and the officials should have made our Association the laughing-stock of asylum attendants.

"SIR,—I quite agree with 'Writer of the Paragraph's' opinion, that the less Mental Nurses have to do with the Royal British Nurses' Association the better, for I am sure that when this matter is carefully thought over, every Asylum Nurse and Attendant, with any self-respect, will refuse to accept such a 'great favour' (?) as to be allowed admittance to its register 'in a separate department.' We are strong enough to stand by ourselves; and, therefore, as an Association is deemed necessary, let us be content with that formed specially for those engaged in the care of the insane, and let us keep ourselves to ourselves.

"I fail to see how the R.B.N.A. can be of such great benefit to us in any way, more especially as I have reason to believe that that Association is not in a very flourishing state just now. So I most sincerely hope that all Nurses and Attendants in asylums will utterly refuse to be registered, except by our own Association; and when the time comes for finally settling this momentous question, let me beg of all my fellow-workers to come forward unanimously and inform the R.B.N.A. that we are decidedly *not* 'favourably disposed' to ally ourselves with them.

AN ASYLUM NURSE."

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THE opening of the Victoria Nurses' Institute, Hof Street, Cape Town, on October 22nd, is a satisfactory and undeniable evidence of the capacity of women for organization. The first meeting was held on February 23rd of this year for the purpose of providing a Nurses' Institute for Cape Town in

commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The objects of the Institute were stated to be—

"(a) To provide a centre from which the wants of the public can be speedily and efficiently supplied; (b) to furnish a home to properly trained nurses at a much smaller cost than they can obtain in any other way, and by thus drawing them to one centre, developing an *esprit de corps* which will tend to raise the standard of the nursing profession in Cape Town and the whole colony."

Funds coming in generously to support the movement, on June 28th the committee felt justified in buying a property costing £4250. That a scheme of such dimensions could be carried out and brought to completion in nine months is a credit to those responsible for it, and only those who have undertaken like work will be able to appreciate the large amount of organization as well as attention to detail involved. We learn further with satisfaction that this work has been accomplished entirely by a committee of women, and that "for nine months fourteen women have worked together, entirely harmoniously with one aim and object in view." It is stated that this is the only Jubilee Memorial in Cape Colony which has been brought to full fruition in the Jubilee year. This is but additional evidence to the efficiency and promptitude with which women conduct business matters when they have a free hand. The hon. matron of the new Institute, to which we wish all success, is Miss M. Miller, who has from its commencement taken the warmest interest in the scheme.

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GREAT interest is already being aroused in the forthcoming Annual Congress of the Society of Superintendents of American and Canadian Training Schools, to take place at Toronto, in February of next year, of which Miss Snively, of the Toronto General Hospital, is President, and the following Papers have already been promised:—

1. "How to attain Greater Uniformity in Ward Work," by Miss Hintzn;
2. "Practical Diet Kitchens as part of a Uniform Curriculum," by Miss Stowe;
3. "Hospital Diet, from the Standpoint of the Hospital Superintendent," by Miss Davis;
4. "Hospital Laundries," by Miss Nevins;
5. "How far are Training Schools responsible for lack of Ethics among Nurses," by Miss Allerton;
6. "The Superintendent of Nurses," by Miss Richards.

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WE gratefully acknowledge the receipt of cheques for the Home of Rest at Brighton. Mr. Fred L. Lucas has most kindly sent £10 10s. towards the endowment fund through Mrs. Lionel Lucas, and Mr. Edgar Willett has sent an annual subscription of £2 2s. We can find plenty of space in which to acknowledge more gifts of this welcome nature.

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