

The Paddington Board of Guardians have recently revised their nursing arrangements, and the new regulations will certainly increase the efficiency of the nursing staff, and, therefore, the comfort of the sick poor. The rank of staff nurse has been revived, the qualification for appointment being a three years' certificate of training; the vacancies are, as far as possible, to be filled by nurses trained in the Infirmary, and the Staff is to be increased. The question of higher salaries has been referred to the finance committee.

We understand that the Executive Committee of the League of St. John's House Nurse, which includes a considerable proportion of members who hold a midwifery qualification, are taking steps to bring their views on various points in the Midwives Bill to the attention of the Standing Committee on Law, which is now considering the Bill. This indicates a realisation of its professional responsibility on the part of the League which is a most encouraging sign.

The second Annual Conference of Superintendents of Homes in connection with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute in the North of England, took place last month at the Salford Home. The papers read were "Giving of relief, how it should be organised, the co-operation of the philanthropic amateur, the advantages of the Charity Organisation Society," by Miss Wilson, Liverpool, and "Extra Nursing Help," by Miss Walker. Miss Barlow, of Leeds, spoke of the Use and Abuse of Nursing Appliances, Miss Mills (Liverpool), and Miss Chadwick (Blackburn), of the Training of Nurses in District Work, the latter making the suggestion that nurses should receive some training from the Superintendent in housekeeping and book-keeping. Miss Rogers (Sunderland), spoke of the difference in the term of service required from Queen's Nurses trained by the Jubilee Institute, and those trained in Homes affiliated to the Institute.

Those members of the nursing profession who are superintendents of Lying-in Hospitals and Maternity Homes, as well as nurses who are thinking of entering for the examination of the London Obstetrical Society, should not fail to note that this Society has just issued new regulations for its examination of midwives, which come into force for the July examination. There are various important alterations with which it is necessary that intending candidates should acquaint themselves.

We greatly regret that the paper on Nursing in Sweden, which was read at the International Council of Nurses, was, by some mistake, attri-

buted to Miss Gina Krog, who writes to us to say that she is not the author. We are endeavouring to ascertain who is the author of the interesting paper on Swedish Nursing presented to the International Council, and shall have pleasure in publishing the result of our enquiries.

At the Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, Colonel Willan said: The additions and alterations to the Hospital had proved satisfactory, but he would like to allude to the accommodation for the nurses, which was in very pressing need of re-building. It was now in a very bad state, and not at all what they would desire nurses to live in, as it was past repair. Hospitals had now-a-days to compete with each other in regard to securing nurses, and in this respect their accommodation might be a drawback. It was their bounden duty to see that their nurses were better housed. They owed a great debt of gratitude to the nursing staff of any institution, as there was a great deal of self-sacrifice in their work. They were not highly paid, had hard work, long hours, and ran very serious risks. The latter was one of the reasons why he thought they should always do their best to treat the nurses well, and provide them with good accommodation. It was, therefore, their imperative duty to do all they could to house them in good and sanitary rooms, and to see that their health was well maintained. They had an excellent site at their command, and what they would like to do was to pull the present buildings down and rebuild them. A sub-committee had been appointed to look into the question, and they had already held two meetings. It had been found that the expenses would be larger than at first thought, and they must face the fact that they could not possibly carry out the work without expending something like £8,500.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Trained Nurses' Institute, it was reported that during the past year Nurse Emily Attwood had been presented with a gratuity of £10 "for twelve years faithful service." The presentation was made by the Bishop of Dover, as President, in the presence of a large number of the Committee. She is the first nurse to have earned this gratuity.

The thirteenth annual Central Poor Law Conference was held on Tuesday and Wednesday last at the Guildhall of the City of London. Viscount Cross presided, and at the opening session the delegates were welcomed by the Lord Mayor. We hope to allude further to this Conference in our next issue.

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