

to the nurses and attendants in their employment. This is the shortest period of leave which should be accorded to women who for eighty hours a week are engaged in the arduous occupation of nursing the sick and infirm.

The Hampshire Nurses' Institute, 8, Park Road, Southampton, which was founded thirty-six years ago, is able to present a very satisfactory report of the work done by the nursing staff and of the manner in which their services are appreciated. There was a balance of £50 in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the year. In no case has the Committee had to advertise for nurses, as there have been more applications to be engaged than vacancies to be filled.

The Cardiff and District Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses is to be congratulated on the development of the work. At the recent Annual Meeting the Chairman, the Rev. David Davies, announced that 54,000 visits had been paid by the nurses during the past year, being 15,000 more than in the previous year. The hope was expressed by Dr. Horder that a special nurse would be appointed to deal with infectious diseases. At the conclusion of the meeting an interesting address on "District Nursing" was given by Miss Amy Hughes.

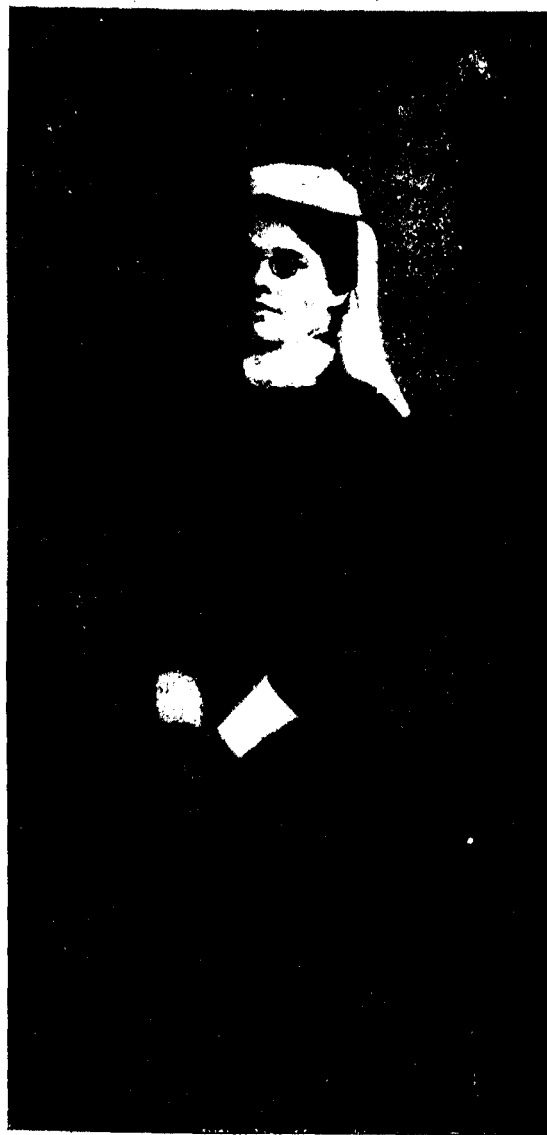
the term of training for probationers from two to three years, thus qualifying them for posts in the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and for other important appointments at home or abroad. We congratulate the Board on their decision, which will have the effect of bringing the term of training in this well-known hospital into line with that now commonly accepted. Both to

the pupils and the school the effect of this action must be beneficial.

We have on previous occasion commented on the desirability for the exercise of a wise discretion in reporting meetings of Boards of Guardians by the press, when unproved statements are made implicating the personal characters of members of the nursing staff.

The nurses of the Londonderry Union recently instituted proceedings against the Belfast *Evening Telegraph* for a report of a meeting of the Guardians in which words which the nurses complained of, and used by Mrs. Morris, a lady guardian, had been published. The newspaper has apologised for the publication of the report, and paid £10 to the infirmary and the costs of the action.

Mrs. Morris has not offered any apology, and an action has been instituted against her for slander and defamation of character. Surely provision should be made for such charges to be dealt with *in camera* until full investigation has taken place.



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The Board of Governors of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, have wisely decided to increase

are visiting Berlin may like, if they have time, to extend their travels and visit Oberhof, a beautiful

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