

Amongst the questions orally answered in the House of Commons this week was one on nursing in military stations. In answer to Sir J. Colomb, who asked whether any communications had been issued from the War Office containing proposals to provide military stations with a nurse trained in maternity and general nursing to attend the wives and families of soldiers without expense to them, and, if so, to whom were such communications made, and what was their general purport, Mr. Arnold-Forster says:—Letters were sent to all general officers commanding asking for an expression of opinion as to the best means of providing nursing for the wives and families of soldiers in places where hospitals were not provided. The replies have not yet been received from all the officers concerned.

With reference to the scale of pay authorised for members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service by Paragraph 2 of Army Order 87 of this year, the Army Council has approved the following rules for applying the scale:—"1. Those ladies who are already in receipt of the minimum, or more, of their class on the new scale should continue in receipt of such rate of pay, and may receive increments under the new scale from the next anniversary of their old increment date. 2. Those ladies who were in receipt of less than the minimum rate of their class on the new scale should come under that scale from the date of the Royal Warrant (viz., April 19th, 1904), and receive increments thereafter on the anniversary of that date."

Miss G. A. Rogers, Matron of the Leicester Infirmary, will act as the representative of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League—of which she is President—at Berlin. This will give great pleasure to her colleagues in general, as well as to the members of the League which she represents. Miss Rogers's many friends in the nursing world will be glad to know that she has quite recovered from her recent illness.

On Friday, June 3rd, under the auspices of the Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association, a new home was opened with befitting ceremony at 31, Derby Lane, Old Swan. The institution has been established to meet the growing demands of the outlying districts, and to relieve the pressure of work on the more central organisations of the city. A Matron and three nurses have been engaged to initiate the work of charity, and the staff will be augmented as the need occurs. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. R. A. Hampson) gracefully performed the opening ceremony. Liverpool has ever been the great pioneer in providing skilled nursing for the sick in their own homes.

The annual meeting of the Royal Derby and

Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association last week at Derby was well attended, and a number of letters were received from those who regretted their absence. The annual report is an excellent record. The Association has been in existence thirty-nine years, but more work has been accomplished during the past twelve months than in any of the preceding years. It is gratifying to note that it has been possible to increase a staff of nurses which does such excellent work in a variety of ways. The Lady Superintendent's report showed the staff now numbered 100. The nurses have been employed in 577 families, in 70 hospitals, taking charge of several isolation and small-pox hospitals, besides nursing in private families 101 infectious cases, 95 surgical, 93 monthly, 352 medical, and 55 mental. Another nurse has been added to the district staff for the free nursing of the poor. A total of 60,018 visits have been paid in the borough and district by the Superintendent and the nurses. The surplus balance of £836 on the year's working has been in part allotted to the fund which provides for the latter years of the nurses.

Nurse Edwards, who is in her twenty-first year of service, was the recipient of a purse containing £20, and also a silver badge. These who received silver badges for fourteen years' service were Nurses Barker, Jackson, Freeman, McCarthy, Wainwright, and Routledge. Those who had served seven years were Nurses Davis, Eastland, Garraway, and Perkins.

The Plymouth Board of Guardians have adopted a wise course in regard to the extremely unreasonable attitude of Mr. W. H. Hawkins, the Town Missioner, in regard to the religious services held in the female lock ward at the workhouse. The Master explained that the nurse of that ward was crossing the yard when she met Mr. Hawkins, who asked her the way to the "foul ward." She told him she was off duty, and she did not think it right that a gentleman should visit that ward when there was no nurse there. Mr. Hawkins said he was not going to be kept out of the ward, adding it was time someone put down some of the teaching given there. The matter was reported to the Master, and he went to the ward and found Mr. Hawkins there. He requested the Missioner to accompany him to the office. He was very excitable and unreasonable. Mr. Hawkins, who attended the meeting of the Board, said the nurse had never put him under escort before like a prisoner. It was subsequently unanimously agreed that the Town Mission should be invited to send a lady missioner to the female lock ward. Incidentally, surely there should always be a nurse on duty in the ward?

Sister Agnes Prialx, on leaving the nursing staff of the Victoria Cottage Hospital, to undertake

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