

A serious tramway disaster occurred at Liverpool last week, and a nurse passing at the time threw off her cloak and rendered prompt and skilful aid, instructing less efficient, but equally sympathetic, helpers what to do. Three horsed ambulances were kept busily occupied in going back and forth with the wounded to the Royal Infirmary and the Southern and Northern Hospitals.

The Annual Meeting of the Totnes Nursing Association was very well attended, and we are pleased to see that Nurse Young came in both for praise and thanks, which is only just when one does the bulk of the work. Hon. officers so often monopolise all the gratitude in nursing societies.

At the twenty-first annual meeting of the Perth Sick Poor Nursing Society, sympathetic allusion was made to the work of the late Lady Superintendent, Miss Græme, and it was reported that her place had been filled by two Queen's nurses, Miss M'Culman and Miss Smith, and that last year shows a record of very faithful service, the visits paid by the nurses numbering 7,601. When it is remembered that in many of these cases the patients are bedridden and helpless, and that a visit means washing, dressing sores, bedmaking, and even tidying the house, it must be acknowledged that the nurses have shown themselves conscientious and painstaking in accomplishing so much.

The quarterly report of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses (Scottish Branch) states that there are at present 268 Queen's Nurses in Scotland working under 174 affiliated associations. The council are directly responsible for eight Queen's Nurses and forty-three probationers, of whom twenty-four are training in various hospitals, and nineteen in the Scottish District Training Home. During the three months six nurses entered the home for training in district nursing, and two probationers on trial for hospital. Four nurses completed training, and were engaged by local committees at Crieff, Rosewell, Johnstone, and Kirriemuir. One new branch was formed locally for Newport, Forgan, and Wormit, and affiliated to the institute. The inspectors made eighty-four inspections of local branches, and reported on them to the executive committee, who forwarded reports to the respective local committees. During the three months 1,529 cases were nursed in Edinburgh from 29, Castle Terrace, and 26,270 visits were paid; 479 cases remained on the books. No legacies were intimated.

The whole of the cost of the purchase, fitting, and connecting of a new flat at 32, Castle Terrace, and the furnishing of the office, had been kindly contributed. An Edinburgh lady also gave anonymously the money for an additional nurse for Edinburgh.

In many Scottish hospitals the work of the nursing staff is more arduous than in England. Hours on duty are longer, and less ward maids per number of beds are employed, and, taking this into consideration, a large number of most excellent probationers from north of the Tweed are being trained in English hospitals. Matrons invariably speak most highly of the material for training thus recruited.

At the same time, nurses trained in Scottish hospitals make very satisfactory private nurses. "They do not expect so much," we heard a Superintendent of a Private Nurses' Co-operation remark the other day, "and they are discreetly silent. I take all the Scottish nurses into this co-op. I can get."

The "Gartloch" episode has aroused an interest in nursing conditions in Scotland, and a protest has appeared in the Glasgow Press concerning the long hours and overwork of nurses in Scotland generally. Writing from The Manse, Kenmore, the Rev. J. B. Mackenzie says:—"Living sparsely, in a healthy mountainous district, where everyone has to work hard in the open air, they are a healthy and energetic race. Many of the young women go in for learning nursing, more of them than I would like, and these are, on the whole, above the average both in physique and energy, and do not enter on their training till they are considerably older than the age at which others have to make a start. Yet, notwithstanding all these advantages, the number among them who break down in health is far larger in proportion than among those who take up any other employment."

The committee appointed by the Glasgow Trades Council to inquire into the recent Gartloch Asylum Nurses' dispute, reported at the meeting of the Council last week that, in view of the decision of the Glasgow Parish Council at its last meeting, they had thought it advisable to consult the dismissed nurses before taking any further steps in the matter. They did so, and discovered that all with one exception had now left the city, and that four of them had secured other situations, though not in an asylum. The nurses did not consider that it would be to their interest that the Trades

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