

penses of life, and one of the most important of these is provision for old age. Queen's Nurses have a free salary of £35 a year. If this sum does not give a sufficient margin for saving, then they should receive such a monetary addition as will enable them to insure against old age and early disablement."

The Women's National Health Association of Ireland is proposing to organise a Tuberculosis Exhibition in Dublin. It is suggested that it would be possible to hold it in the Village Hall and on the village green of the Home Industries at the great Exhibition now open in Dublin. The Tuberculosis Exhibition would be sent on tour later to the principal towns in Ireland. The section would consist of diagrams, charts, utensils, helpful in the treatment of tuberculosis and models of outdoor shelters, etc., and, in fact, of any invention connected with the disease. The exhibition will probably be opened in the middle of October, and all nurses who can contribute any designs, inventions, or photographs of novelties suitable for consumptives should send them in to the Exhibition, further particulars of which may be obtained from the Editor of the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*, Clondeboye, Co. Down, Ireland.

Miss Edith M. Edwards has, with the help of Miss Laura Ulph, undertaken to run a "Seaside or Convalescent Home" at Rahere, 20 Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea, for ladies and children. This coast is acknowledged by the medical profession to be exceptionally good for all nervous cases, and children suffering from glands. Both Miss Edwards and Miss Ulph, who hold the certificate of the Institute of Trained Masseuses, are members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Special arrangements are made for nurses in charge of patients.

We are asked by the Hon. Secretary of the Guild of St. Veronica for Trained Nurses, Miss M. Beal, Ronaldkirk Rectory, Darlington, to say that she will be glad if any members who have not received any communications from the Guild this year will forward their present addresses to her.

An important resolution was moved by Dr. Darley-Hartley at the August Meeting of the Cape Colony Medical Council, as follows:—

"To amend Regulation 3 for Trained Nurses by adding to paragraph (a) a footnote to the following effect: 'No portion of this training can be occupied in attendance upon patients outside the institution.'

"Also, that it be an instruction to the Secretary, in the event of the foregoing amendment being adopted, to take measures to bring it to the notice of the authorities of training schools, and to provide for a statement to the effect of its having been observed being embodied in the certificate."

The mover, as reported in the *South African Medical Record*, said that it had been brought to his notice that a certain Hospital, a recognised training school, had adopted a regular system of farming out its nurses, including probationers, to private cases, although there was an established Nursing Home in the same town. He thought this a most objectionable practice. The Council had advisedly deleted from the old Regulations the clause permitting one of the three years of training to be spent under a private practitioner, and had thus insisted upon all the training being done in hospital. It had done so because the members were convinced that no proper and systematic training could be given under the haphazard conditions of private nursing. If hospitals were allowed to adopt the practice he had mentioned, they were simply getting behind the deliberate decision of the Council. He could conceive of nothing more likely to act detrimentally on a young nurse learning her work, or more likely to spoil alike her hospital training and her future practice than throwing in odd intervals of private work, wherein she had to combine the functions of nurse, cook, housekeeper, and what not, was without the supervision of a Matron, and learnt all sorts of ways which she had afterwards to unlearn.

The resolution was seconded and supported. Dr. Hewat objected on the ground that in many little places, if a nurse could not be got from the local hospital, the only alternative was to employ some ignorant old woman. If he met with an accident in such a place they were going to stop a nurse from the local hospital from coming to his aid. Dr. Darley-Hartley pointed out that the little places referred to by Dr. Hewat did not maintain training schools, and that the Council's regulations only referred to probationers in such training schools. Dr. Hewat having said that he would rather be attended by a probationer than by an ignorant, unqualified woman, Dr. Darley-Hartley's resolution was carried. It is one which must commend itself to all who understand training school problems, and we trust it will be noted by those hospitals and private nursing homes which send out probationers as trained nurses.

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