

scheme, is nevertheless strongly of opinion that the General Hospital should be at Droitwich (where there are several buildings which could speedily, and at little expense, be fitted up for the purpose), which, from its central and salubrious situation, and being amply provided with doctors and bath attendants, and with all means and appliances for the relief of cripples and the infirm, offers admirable facilities for the successful treatment of the sick and wounded; and that this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the County Territorial Association."

Miss Creak expressed the opinion that a very strong protest should be addressed to the Association, and if necessary to the War Office, against the policy of massing these hospitals in Birmingham. It was quite obvious that if an enemy attacked the country Birmingham would be one of the places which it would want to seize and occupy. She would suggest that the strongest representation should be made against such a mischievous policy. Dr. Frobroke, the county medical officer of health, agreed with the suggestion. It would be a great mistake to establish a hospital in Birmingham. It should be placed as much in the open air as possible, and Droitwich would be an eligible centre. The resolution was carried. Sir Harry Vernon said a letter had been received from the Mayor of Droitwich stating that the Salters' Hall in that town could easily be fitted up for the purpose of a hospital.

The quarterly report of the Council of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses states that there are at present 308 Queen's nurses in Scotland, working under 202 affiliated nursing associations. The Council are directly responsible for 11 Queen's nurses and 27 probationers, of whom 6 are undergoing training in various hospitals and 21 in the Scottish District Training Home. During the period reported on, 12 nurses who had already obtained at least three years' hospital training entered the home for six months' special training in district nursing, to make them eligible as Queen's nurses. Seven nurses completed this special training, and were engaged by local nursing associations at Fair Isle, Clydebank, Turriff, Alexandria, Lesmahagow, Arisaig, and Thurso. Four new associations were formed locally and affiliated to the Institute at Lochgelly, Scotstoun, Turriff, and Benbecula.

At the bye-monthly meeting of the Directors of the Caird Jubilee Nurses' Home, Dundee, held last week, consideration was given to matters which have recently been engaging public attention. A Sub-Committee appointed

some time ago to inquire into the conditions referred to submitted their report. They were of opinion that the matters of complaint were small of themselves, and, taken separately, appeared to be of little consequence, but they recommended the appointment of a small Consulting Committee, which could be appealed to when any case of difficulty arose in the Home. This was agreed to, and the hope was expressed that, with a little give and take on both sides, the unpleasantness that had arisen would soon disappear.

### Irish Nurses' Association.

A meeting of the Nurses' Debating Society took place on Friday evening, February 5th. A well written paper on "Nursing in Private Hospitals" was read by Miss Kerr, of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. She said that a nurse under training very often had serious thoughts as to her after career, and of how best to succeed in her profession. In her opinion no better post for a nurse leaving hospital could be found than in a private hospital, where she would come in contact with nurses from other training schools, and physicians and surgeons from other hospitals.

She said that great tact was required in such places, and that the nurse got a good insight into the management and nursing of private cases, which could not fail to be useful to her afterwards. She considered that, if possible, the health and welfare of the nurse should be as well looked after in a private hospital as in a public one, but could readily understand that there had to be a good deal of "give and take," and that the nurse should on her side not be unreasonable in her demands. Still she should not be treated there exactly as a probationer, but as a fully trained nurse, which as a rule would be the case.

Sister Thornton, of Elpis Private Hospital, concurred in these views, as did also Miss V. Roberts, and the meeting terminated with thanks to Miss Kerr for her interesting paper.

These meetings are open to all nurse members of the Association, and it is a pity that they are not better supported. The nurses of to-day will be the Matrons of to-morrow, and it is necessary now that they should have opportunities of expressing their views on many subjects, and be able to discuss matters relative not only to nursing itself, but also others of vital importance to nurses personally.

The next meeting takes place on Friday, February 19th, at 7.30, in the Rooms of the Association, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

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