

in district nurses said that when the uniform was submitted for her inspection her Majesty approved it, but, taking the bonnet in her hand, bent the brim in the middle, and said, "Wouldn't that be nicer?" The suggestion was adopted, and the nurses love "the mark of the Queen's thumb."

We regret to learn that the Committee has decided to discontinue the training of probationers for the Roll of Queen's Nurses, and to employ eight fully trained permanent nurses, instead of four Queen's Nurses, and eight in training. The step has been taken owing to the reduction of training fees by the Queen's Institute, but it is regrettable that so valuable a training as that given at 80, Nichols Square, Hackney Road, N.E., under Miss Böge, should no longer be available.

The St. John Ambulance Association, through the agency of the Ladies of Justice and Ladies of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, is arranging special classes for the wives, daughters, and sisters of the members of the Territorial Force.

At a recent meeting of the Southwark Guardians a recommendation of the Infirmary Visiting Committee that male nurses should be employed to attend to certain male patients, whose language and behaviour rendered them unfit to be treated by women, was referred back on the motion of Mr. Bryant, who said that he hoped they would never spoil their institutions by the introduction of male nurses. The Chairman, Mr. W. Neville, was of opinion that they should move slowly in a matter of this kind, and do nothing to minimise the confidence of their female nurses, which had always been one of the most beautiful features of their institutions. He suggested that the medical officer might get occasional assistance to deal with objectionable patients.

It is certain, however, that in infirmaries male nurses can be usefully employed to deal with a class of patients whom women nurses should not be required to attend without real necessity. The male nurses can also in this way obtain experience in the care of general diseases.

A handsome Home adjoining the Connaught Hospital has been opened at Aldershot for the accommodation of the members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

The Rochford Board of Guardians have de-

cided that the testimonial to be given to Mrs. Whitmore, who recently brought a successful action against the Chairman and certain members of the Board for slander shall be signed by the defendants in the action, and not by the Board as a whole. The testimonial states "cause of leaving, resignation; general conduct, satisfactory."

With the object of assisting the funds of the Stockton and Thornaby District Nursing Association, which have suffered considerably through the depressed times, the nurses of the staff promoted a sale of work, which was held recently at the Home, Barrington House, Stockton. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony.

Lady Wrightson, a great friend to the institution, in declaring the sale open, said it was exactly 18 years ago that month since the scheme to establish a nursing association was first considered. The scheme was so well supported that they were able to start with three nurses. The working classes so valued and appreciated the work that all the works contributed most generously every month, and their gifts had enabled the committee to double the staff of nurses, so that they now had six in addition to the Matron. She was pleased the present members of the staff had gained their Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' certificates and brassards, and had had also the honour of receiving them from the Princess of Wales, when she visited the institution in November last. Lady Wrightson deplored the lack of funds, and said it was very praiseworthy on the part of the nurses to devote so much of their spare time to promote that sale of work, which she hoped would be abundantly successful.

Nurse Maud Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Wrightson, which was seconded by Nurse McKay, and supported by the Matron (Miss Taylor), and agreed to unanimously. The sale was well patronised, and it is to be hoped a handsome sum will be realised.

Two charges have been made by Dr. Lowson in connection with the Forfar Infirmary, viz., that when they had from 14 to 16 patients in the Infirmary the nursing arrangements broke down, and also that there was an unnecessary amount of sepsis in the institution. Six of the medical officers threatened to resign unless a surgical expert investigated the matter, but the Directors at a special meeting expressed their unqualified confidence in the six medical officers, and other proposals were withdrawn.

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