

Territorial Nursing Service.

A well attended meeting, convened by the Marchioness of Hertford, was recently held at the Council House, Birmingham, in connection with the formation of the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force. Representatives from Warwickshire and Worcestershire had been invited, and there were present the Marquis and Marchioness of Hertford, Lady Coventry, Lady Georgina Vernon, Lady Smith, Miss Herbert, Mrs. Raitt, Mrs. Beale, Colonel W. P. Whitcombe, and Major W. Hardisty (secretary of the Warwickshire Territorial Force Association.)

The Marquis of Hertford read a communication from the War Office sanctioning the formation of the Service, detailing the plan of organisation, with an Advisory Committee at headquarters, and local committees, including an Organising Matron, Matrons, and Superintendents of the principal hospitals and larger nursing institutions in the area, and ladies interested in nursing and likely to be in touch with suitable nurses. The main duties of this Committee would be to enrol Sisters and Nurses, willing to serve in case of invasion, to revise the Roll annually, and to serve as a Nursing Committee in war time. One general hospital would be situated at Birmingham, and the nurses enrolled would be called up for duty in time of imminent national danger.

The Worcestershire Territorial Association had expressed a desire that Worcestershire ladies might be represented on the Committee, and three Worcestershire ladies had been added to the Committee. The first Southern General Hospital would be situated at Birmingham. In reply to a question from Lady Georgina Vernon, Colonel Whitcombe said that the Red Cross Society was prepared to make certain provisions in connection with the hospital in case of invasion, but it would have nothing whatever to do with the nurses, who would be under the control of the administrators of the general hospital and its Matron. No building would be erected as a hospital, but in case of invasion certain existing buildings, the Town Hall, Bingley Hall, or some of the larger outside buildings or farms would be equipped for hospital purposes. There would be two other hospitals in that division, and perhaps some portion of Worcestershire might prefer to act with Gloucestershire.

The Marchioness of Hertford was asked to accept the position of President, and Lady Coventry that of Vice-President. In addition the following ladies were asked to serve on the local committee:—Lady Georgina Vernon,

Lady Cobham, Lady Newport, Lady Smith, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Raitt, Miss Herbert, Miss Mitchie, the Matrons of the General and Queen's Hospitals, Birmingham; the Matron of the Birmingham District Nurses' Home; the Matron of the Birmingham City Infirmary; the Matron of the Warneford Hospital, Leamington; the Matron of the Kidderminster Infirmary; and the Matrons of the Coventry, Rugby, and Nuneaton Hospitals. A working committee was also appointed, consisting of Lady Hertford, Lady Smith, Mrs. Raitt, Mrs. Beale, Miss Musson, the Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Miss Herbert, Miss Mitchie, and the organising Matron when appointed.

Territorial Nursing in Sussex.

The Duchess of Norfolk presided at a meeting of the Territorial Nursing Service Committee for the Second Eastern or Brighton General Hospital, held at the Sussex County Hospital on Monday. Colonel James Turton, medical commander of the district, stated that the hospital would be formed in a convenient public building or on a suitable site in the event of an emergency necessitating the mobilisation of the Territorial Forces. The efforts of Miss Peter (Organising Matron) had resulted in a roll of 75 nurses out of a total strength of 120 required. Miss Sezcspanska (Assistant Matron, Sussex County Hospital) was appointed Matron. Twenty-six Sisters and 48 nurses were also appointed. Dr. Donald Hall, R.A.M.C., was elected hon. secretary, and an influential executive appointed.

Nurses' Missionary League.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Nurses' Missionary League, held on January 20th, at the house of A. Carless, Esq., M.S., F.R.C.S., a report of the work of the last quarter was read by the Secretary. During the past three months, 63 new members have joined the League, of whom 17 are Volunteers (*i.e.*, those who "intend, if God permit, to become foreign missionaries"). The total number of members is now 942, of whom 294 are Volunteers, while 17 have gone abroad to work in mission hospitals since last April. The members of the League support five beds in mission hospitals, besides a native nurse at Nasik, India. All particulars about the League can be obtained from Miss Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.

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