

nurses passed on into another gallery, where each was given a box for her Badge, after which they left the Palace, the whole ceremony occupying about three quarters of an hour. The members of the Advisory Council, and of the London and Executive Committees were afterwards presented to her Majesty by the Duchess of Montrose.

The Queen wishes it to be known, that she presented the Badges to the nursing staffs of the four London Territorial Hospitals as representative of the whole Service, which is honoured by her Majesty's gracious action. It is impossible that her Majesty should present the Badges of 3,000 nurses, which number it now approximately comprises.

We desire to draw the attention of nurses belonging to the Territorial Force Nursing Service who were unavoidably prevented from being present at Buckingham Palace on Saturday last to a notice on the first page of our Supplement, asking them to furnish their present addresses to their Principal Matrons.

Nurses' Registration Bill.

The Nurses' Registration Bill (Bill 31) is now published, and can be obtained from Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C., price 2½d., post free.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

We are glad to publish the following additional names of members of the Irish Nurses' Association:—

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.
Sisters: F. Potter, M. Hooper, A. Smeddy.
ROFUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.
Nurse Rose MacManus.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Nurse Nellie Patterson, Fever Hospital, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Nurse Teresa Corcoran, The Infirmary, Kilkenny.
The Memorial Hospital, Drogheda, of which the election of Miss M. Reidy, the Matron, as a member of the I. N. A. was recently chronicled, was built as a memorial to the late Lord Drogheda on the Curragh of Kildare, to be primarily available for all accidents at the Curragh race meetings and at the various training stables on the Curragh. As the late Lord Drogheda was a great patron of the Turf, many well-known people in Ireland are much interested in it.

Miss Corcoran sent a subscription, 2s. 6d., and a very nice letter, asking if she could help further, and on receiving a reply from the Secretary that anything would be acceptable, she sent a £1 subscription, whereupon she was elected upon the Executive Committee.

Metropolitan Asylums' Board.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, on Saturday last, the Finance Committee submitted to the Board proposals received from the Hospitals Committee to amend the wages scale in respect of the nursing staff in the hospitals service, together with the grounds on which such proposals are made. These proposals were embodied in an appendix, and are of far-reaching importance, and have been arrived at as a result of prolonged consideration, after obtaining valuable suggestions from the Medical Superintendents and Matrons of the Board's hospitals, and after conference with the Matrons of ten of the large general hospitals of London. The most important recommendations are:—

1. *The abolition of the position of Superintendent of Night Nurses*, and the employment of Sisters for a period not exceeding twelve months, additional remuneration to the extent of 10s. per month to the usual salary of a Sister being given.

2. *That a distinct grade of "Sister" should be created in place of the present "Charge Nurse."* The Sisters must have had full general training, and be women of good education. They should be required as part of their regular duties to instruct the probationers under them. Having regard to their status and responsibilities, they should enjoy greater privileges than the other grades of nurses over whom they would exercise supervision. They should come on duty at 7.45 a.m. instead of 7 a.m., and, as far as practicable, they should be exempt from night duty.

Their increased duties and responsibilities, as compared with the present charge nurses, should be marked by a higher salary; £38 per annum, rising £2 annually to £44, is suggested, instead of £36 per annum, rising £1 annually to £40, the pay of charge nurses.

3. *The gradual abolition of "assistant nurses" (Class I.), and the creation of a new grade of "staff nurse," with a salary of £26, rising to £30.* The qualification of this new grade should be either three years' previous training in a recognised general hospital, Poor Law Infirmary, or children's hospital, or the completion of two years' good work in one of the Board's hospitals, on the joint recommendation of the Medical Superintendent and Matron after attendance at lectures and satisfactorily passing an examination, or two years' service in an outside fever hospital of not less than 100 beds, and the obtaining of a recognised fever certificate. The Committee add:—

We hope that the creation of the grades of "Sister" and "Staff Nurse" on the lines we have indicated will result in attracting many nurses, who have completed their training at the general hospitals, to come as staff nurses to the Board's acute fever hospitals to gain fever experience, and thereby add to their own knowledge and obtain a certificate of fever training. To obtain such a certificate we suggest that they should come for a period of twelve months and pass the necessary examination. If they leave before the expiration of that

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