

first floor has bedroom accommodation for nurses on day duty, and the top floor has been arranged similarly for the nurses on night duty. There are 40 bedrooms, each nurse having a separate room. The entire wing has been fitted up and furnished in the best style. In conjunction with the new kitchen, laundry, and servants' accommodation it marks a great advance in the administrative resources of the Infirmary.

At a meeting of the Carnarvon Board of Guardians last week, a recently appointed certificated nurse wrote complaining of the unsatisfactory arrangements in the institution. Her sleep was, she said, frequently broken at night by disturbances in the wards, where imbecile patients frequently fell out of bed, or dressed themselves and walked about. The infirmary was also understaffed; "as things are it is nothing short of slavery." She found it impossible to discharge her duties thoroughly. Further, there was no bathroom or lavatory for the nurses' use. The Board decided to effect such improvements as could be carried out without expenditure of money.

The customary annual meeting of the managers with the nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was recently held in the Dispensary Hall. Lord Provost A. M'Innes Shaw presided.

The Lord Provost having wished the company a bright and happy New Year, congratulated the staff on their continued successful administration of the Royal Infirmary. It was, he said, no easy task to maintain unimpaired the full ordinary work of that great institution while the reconstruction scheme was, all the time, actively progressing. Space was limited, and the work was increasing day and night, and he took that opportunity of expressing the gratification of the citizens at the success with which the managers continued to grapple with their difficult task. It could not be done without the co-operation of the whole staff, and they must all recognise the devotion and ungrudging efforts continuously put forth by all—from Dr. Thom, the Superintendent, and Miss Melrose, the Matron, down to the youngest member of the staff. The year had been an eventful one for the nurses especially, for in June last the extension of the Nurses' Home was opened, and now, at long last, all the nurses were housed in their own comfortable home. A year ago there were 160 nurses on the staff, of whom only 106 could reside in the home, leaving 54 to be put up where they

could in various odd quarters throughout the buildings. Now the extension home was open, there were 170 nurses on the staff. He congratulated the nurses upon their happier state of affairs.

It was evidently widely appreciated, for he was informed that last year there were no fewer than 570 applicants for 36 vacancies on the nursing staff. He thought that an extraordinary state of affairs. It was interesting to know that of the nurses who had left the Infirmary service during the past year, most of them took up private nursing. Some of them went for fever training, some of them for maternity training, two went out as missionaries, and three—only three—had embarked on matrimonial adventure. They would agree with him that wherever they were, or whatever they might be called upon to do, everyone of the nurses was by her training better fitted to live her life and to bring blessing to others.

Mr. J. D. Hedderwick, Chairman of the House Committee, reciprocated on behalf of the managers and nurses the good wishes expressed by the Lord Provost, and submitted some statistics relating to the Infirmary.

Miss Balmer, of Edinburgh, who is reported to be thoroughly qualified, has been appointed district nurse at Kenmore, much to the satisfaction of the neighbourhood. After Mr. Dewar's withdrawal of the endowment, a new Committee was appointed, and strong efforts are to be made to secure funds. So that little difficulty has been overcome.

We are glad to report that Miss Mary A. Snively, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, and President of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, has consented to become a collaborator of this Journal. This will, we are sure, give great pleasure to our readers, who know and value Miss Snively's work for the profession of nursing.

Miss Estrid Rodhe, Editor of the Swedish Nurses' Journal (*Svensk Sjuksköterske-tidning*) has also kindly consented to act as one of our collaborators. Miss Rodhe, it will be remembered, was one of the distinguished nurses who attended the International Congress of Nurses last year, and was Secretary to the Committee formed of representatives of all the chief nursing institutions in Sweden, under the patronage of Queen Sophia, which organised the splendid delegation from Sweden. We warmly welcome her help as a collaborator.

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