

sequently the work of three of the certificated nurses of the School.

The Minister of War has conferred the honorary distinction of the bronze medal for epidemics upon Mlle. Roulet, and Mme. Lenhard, who are attached to the infectious service in the Military Hospital at Belfort, and have exhibited the greatest devotion on all occasions to the sick in their charge. Both were trained at the Tondu Hospital, and are amongst the first members of the Military Nursing Service, having joined it in 1908.

An interesting development in Spain is the foundation of a training school for Spanish nurses in Madrid, where Mlle. Zomak is Directrice of the Rubio Institute, where a three years' term of training has been inaugurated, the first for lay nurses in Spain. The Institute takes its name from its founder, Dr. Rubio, a pioneer of modern surgery in that country. The wards contain twenty-four beds for women, and the same number for men, and all its arrangements are in every way most up-to-date. One thing is missing, however: there is not a chair in the wards. Is, Mlle. Zomak asks, Dom Frederico Rubio a disciple of Diogenes, who also had no love for useless things? But she thinks Diogenes would have disowned his pupil for his love of water. When an infant is admitted, the mother comes, too, for Spanish mothers invariably nurse their babies, and the feeding bottle is unknown.

Spanish women, we are told, are far from aspiring to independence, their reason being that they expect to marry. A woman of the people rarely adopts a profession, a woman of education never. She considers it beneath her dignity to earn her living, and prefers to eat the bread of charity, provided by an aunt, a brother, an uncle, a married sister, or, if she has no relations, she enters a convent.

Mlle. Zomak has at present 12 pupils, and hopes that they will be rapidly increased. They still wear sandals, a relic of the days of "religious" nursing, but in the coming winter their Directrice hopes for woollen stockings and leather shoes! The King will shortly lay the foundation stone of a new pavilion of this most interesting institution.

Miss E. Barton, Matron of Chelsea Infirmary, will speak in the opening of the discussion on Miss Musson's paper, "The Feeding of Nurses," at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on November 5th.

The Nurses' International Club.

The Nurses' International Club, 8, Porchester Square, London, W., which has recently been opened, is intended to provide a central, convenient, and inexpensive club for nurses and others interested in the Nursing Profession. It is a proprietary club, the organisers being Miss Thomas Moore, Lady Superintendent of the Duchess Nursing Home, Duchess Street, Portland Place, Miss Hartnell, Matron of the Trained Nurses' Institute, 214, Gloucester Terrace, and Miss Lloyd, late Matron of the Oswestry Hospital and Trained Nurses' Institute. These ladies will form the Committee, with Miss Halliday, Matron of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, and one or more representatives to be elected by the members of the Club. The Duchess of Norfolk, the Duchess of Leeds, Lady Harlech, and Lady Sibbald have consented to become Vice-Presidents.

The position of the Club has been happily chosen. No. 8, Porchester Square, is a substantial corner house, which has been freshly painted and looks very attractive. It is within a short distance of Paddington Station, the Metropolitan Underground, and the main omnibus routes from the Royal Oak, so that private nurses who are members will find themselves extremely conveniently placed. There is also a telephone for the exclusive use of members, in addition to the one used by the officials. The entrance fee is £1 1s., the annual subscription £1 1s., and the tariff extremely moderate, thus board and lodging for the week cost only £1 1s., including bath (except between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.) if a cubicle is occupied. A single bedroom with board costs 30s. per week, or 25s. if taken permanently. There is a comfortable general sitting room where members can receive their friends, and a restaurant where they can entertain them. On Saturdays gentlemen may be introduced into the Club. The members' own sitting room is very restful, and provided with plenty of easy chairs. There is also a writing room where silence can be maintained if desired.

The house has been entirely re-decorated, and newly furnished. The cubicles are divided with wooden partitions, and, though small, are attractive-looking and cosy. In the scheme of decoration green walls and white paint have been largely employed, and the stairs are covered with a thick cocoanut matting which deadens sound very completely.

We hear that a good many nurses have already arranged to join the club, and we wish it all success.

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