

cised last week at a meeting of the Board, when the Workhouse Stock and Management Committee, who have had under consideration the provision of urgently needed accommodation for the nursing staff, presented a report recommending the erection of a special building for the nurses.

Mr. Donovan, Chairman of the Committee, said that the report was the most important with which he had been entrusted since he had been Chairman. The accommodation provided for the nursing staff was thoroughly downright bad, almost as bad as it could be. The past policy of the Guardians seemed to have been to provide for the sick inmates and to leave to another generation—the present he hoped—to make proper provision for their nurses.

Councillor Jarvis admitted the accommodation was not adequate when they considered the comfort of the nurses, but what they had to consider was the comfort of the ratepayers. Mr. Mellor, who gave his hearty support to the report, said it was a "scandal to let the nurses live like pigs in a sty." Eventually an amendment was carried deferring the matter pending the report of a special committee.

The work of Queen's Nurses is evidently appreciated in Darlington, the workmen in the leading works in the town contribute regularly to the funds of the Association, and the Mayor, Councillor Eastwood, who presided at the recent annual meeting, and moved the adoption of the report, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to do so as a member of the medical profession. Darlington could not do without the Queen's Nurses any more than it could do without the trams. They were very useful at the present time, and as the town grew larger they would no doubt be more necessary than ever.

The value as well as the economy of the work of district nurses was evident at the annual meeting of the Barrow District Nursing Association, at which Mr. F. J. Ramsden, J.P., presided, when a letter was read from Dr. Callaghan, expressing his appreciation of the good work accomplished by the association, and said if it were not for the work of the nurses the hospital accommodation in Barrow would have to be largely increased, as many poor patients now treated in their homes would have to be removed to the hospital or infirmary.

Archdeacon Campbell, who seconded the adoption of the report, stated that the clerical

and medical profession would give the same verdict on the work of the nurses, and that was that it was excellent. He had over and over again heard deep gratitude expressed in the houses of the poor for the work done by the nurses. He had never heard a word spoken against them. The North Lonsdale Hospital was a kindred institution, and as the population increased, and the need for medical and surgical treatment grew, the people of the town must be prepared, as time went on, to find money for both of these institutions.

The quarterly report of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses states that there are now 345 Queen's Nurses working under 216 district nursing associations affiliated to the Scottish Branch of the Institute. The Scottish Council are directly responsible for the staff, for the superintendence, training, and inspection of all the nurses who pass through the Scottish District Training Home; also for five Queen's Nurses and twenty-one Queen's candidates who are at present undergoing special training in district nursing. During the period eleven nurses completed the six months' special training, and were engaged by committees of affiliated associations at Snizort (Skye), Lochbuie (Mull), Crieff, Clydebank, Strathkinness, Kilchean. One was retained as an extra permanent nurse for Edinburgh work. The inspectors made seventy-nine visits to nurses in local branches, and reports were forwarded to the respective local committees.

New branches were formed at Innerwick and Bannockburn. During the three months 1,739 cases were attended in Edinburgh by the nurses from 29, Castle Terrace, involving 34,159 nursing visits. The receipts for the quarter amounted to £1,012 10s. 5d.; the expenditure to £999 5s. 10d.

This month's *American Journal of Nursing* is to contain much original matter concerning Miss Florence Nightingale. One paper will be a description by Miss Scovil of three visits to Miss Nightingale in connection with which will be given two autograph letters written to her by Miss Nightingale, which have never before been published.

The leading editorial in this number, on the application of Miss Nightingale's writings to the education of the modern nurse, will be written by Miss L. L. Dock.

An order has just been received by Putnam's Sons from the Scuola Convitto, "Regina Elena," at the Policlinico Hospital at Rome,

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