

openings in private and public nursing homes and hospitals, while the need for pensions was not so great or so imperative in a country where there was no lack of work and much larger fees were obtainable.

At a recent meeting of the Camberwell Guardians it was agreed to increase the number of probationers by 12, and to raise the salaries of the following members of the nursing staff, the revised rates of pay being: Senior assistant matron, £55, rising by £2 10s. to £65 per annum; junior assistant matron, £45, rising by £2 10s. to £55 per annum; 2 night superintendents, £38, rising by £2 to £42; 15 ward sisters, £32, rising by £2 to £38; 43 trained staff nurses, £28, rising by £1 to £30; 69 probationers, £13, rising by £2 to £17; 2 male nurses, £35 per annum; 1 ambulance nurse, £26, rising by £1 to £28.

The consideration of the salary of the matron, which is only £125 a year, was deferred for twelve months. Considering that in Miss Marquardt the Guardians have one of the most capable and devoted officers in the Poor Law Service, we hope they will not for much longer delay proving their appreciation of

her splendid work and example to the nursing staff by raising her salary.

We much regret to note that the recommendation of the Joint Committee of the Medical Board and Nursing Committee—all men, no doubt—that a private nursing staff be

instituted at the Cardiff Hospital, has been adopted by the Board. Dr. Herbert Vachell opposed the scheme on the ground of the danger of infection, but Colonel Bruce Vaughan said "he could quite see that the scheme would bring them in at least £500 or £600 a year," and the chance of sweating this sum out of the poorly-paid labour of trained nurses was a fact not to be resisted by the managers of this charitable institution. What would Dr. J. Wallace, Dr. Paterson, and others say if the Committee proposed that each member of the medical staff



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should hand over half his annual earnings? What, indeed, would the British Medical Association say?—"Hands off, Pompey," we have no doubt. It is a shame that members of the medical profession do not oppose, on just and ethical grounds, this cruel exploitation by hospital Committees of the earnings of trained

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