

and the upkeep of the exhibits. The thanks of the Central Council are due to the Somerset and Bristol Board for their generous gift, which will be of great assistance in spreading the work of the Union. Miss Symonds, Aisholt, Bridgwater, has been appointed County Organiser for the Somerset and Bristol Division on the resignation of Miss Joseph.

Miss Buckle, the greatly respected Superintendent of Queen's Nurses at Brighton, who is leaving to take up the post of Nursing Superintendent for England at headquarters in London, is to be the recipient of a testimonial in the form of a cheque from her many friends in Sussex.

There is an epidemic of scarlet fever in Aberdeen, and so crowded is the City Hospital that a portion of the nurses' quarters have had to be used for the patients, and the nurses who previously occupied these quarters have had to "camp out." In the grounds at the rear of the buildings three large tents have been erected, and these are being used to accommodate some ten nurses and two sisters.

At a special meeting of Coatbridge Town Council last week the report by the Local Government Board on Coathill Fever Hospital inquiry was considered, and the recommendations made were agreed to.

Sister Wood sent in her resignation, which was accepted. It was agreed that the Health Committee give her a testimonial.

A letter was read from the agent for Dr. Hamilton and ex-Matron Stenhouse, asking that seeing they had been exonerated by the Commissioners, their expenses at the inquiry should be paid by the Council.

This matter was remitted to the Hospital Committee for consideration and report.

On December 11th a dance will be held in connection with the Irish Nurses' Association. Many prominent people are supporting the function, and tickets can be had from the Secretary, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Under the heading of "A Canine Trait," the editorial opinion in the *Australasian Trained Nurses' Association* points out that if trained nurses in Australia will not undertake the work of Bush nursing with its well-known hardships and discomforts, their opposition to nurses being engaged in England to do it "savours much of a well-known dog, and is quite unworthy of the high traditions of their profession, which has always given the welfare of the sick poor its first consideration."

Moreover, the journal points a moral in answer to the question, "What is to be done?" It asks: "Is it the wish of the trained nurses that the district be left bereft of the services of a nurse where the need is great for someone to attend the sick poor and look after the mother, far from other help, at the birth of her child, or shall a less perfectly trained, but decidedly useful and clean woman be appointed, who will in some degree fill the want? For the past few months it has been utterly impossible for the general practitioner to obtain the necessary nurses to attend to his patients, urgently in need of some nursing attention; and so in the less serious cases the doctor is forced to obtain what help he can from other than the regularly trained nurse. Is it not better for the trained nurses and certainly for the sick public, to have nurses brought from over the seas, provided they are fully trained to a standard equal to that required by their Association, than that another class of inferiorly trained women should come into existence to do in an imperfect manner the work which should be entrusted only to those fully experienced in all branches of sick nursing?"

On the other hand, in the opinion of some very capable Australian nurses, training in England, with its latter-day home comforts, and lack of initiative—taken in connection with the fact that the majority have never lived open-air lives—produces a "soft" type of nurse, totally unsuited for roughing it in the Bush. "For instance," says one, "during my visits to many English hospitals I asked nurses, 'Can you ride?' and every one I asked replied in the negative."

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King Edward Memorial wing of the Wolverhampton General Hospital was opened last week with Masonic ritual by the Earl of Dartmouth. It has cost £8,000, towards which working men of the town have contributed £1,000. The wing is the first section of a reconstructive scheme which will entail an expenditure of £60,000. His lordship announced that Queen Alexandra had consented to two wards being named after King Edward and herself.

Mrs. C. C. Williams has given 1,000 guineas to the King Edward the Seventh's Hospital, at Cardiff, as a memorial of her late husband. It was received through Dr. Charles Vachell to endow a bed in the Coronation Ward.

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