

Nursing Institution were the pioneer institutions in the country.

Mr. Dutton, in the course of an interesting lecture, said that the Queen of Nurses seemed to have derived her determination and hatred of red-tape from a great-uncle, "Madman Nightingale," her enthusiasm and love of discipline from her father, and her philanthropy and domesticity from her mother. At Kaiserswerth she gained the ability of a nurse, the spirit of a deaconess, and an endowment by God for service on behalf of humanity.

It is alleged that the Matron of the Moseley Hall Convalescent Hospital, Birmingham, is in the habit of cutting up, or allowing the maids to cut up, new articles of clothing sent by the public for the use of the patients, to make dusters and dummy clothes. We may point out that the public have a preference for their gifts to be utilised for the purpose for which they are donated.

At a meeting of the Conway Board of Guardians, the Clerk said that Welsh-speaking nurses seemed to be more precious than diamonds, so that the requirement had been left out of the advertisement for an assistant nurse. But two patriots insisted upon its insertion, one remarking that they were living in Wales, and had a right to have their language spoken.

The sensible remark of a third, that what they required was skilled nursing for the sick, was of no avail. To be eligible the nurse must speak Welsh.

The proposal in France to re-enforce the law of three years' military service for men has led to the proposal that every woman of twenty years of age shall be required to undertake six months' nursing service in hospitals, and to serve for three weeks yearly thereafter up to the age of forty-five—women with children under seven years of age, or with more than three children, to be exempt. The Society of the Women of France, one of the Red Cross organisations, estimates that during war 40,000 men who would be required for field hospitals might be set free for the fighting lines if women could be found to replace them.

Within the last few years, as is well known, nuns have been expelled from the wards of French hospitals. It now appears likely that, in some instances at least, they may be re-instated. A member of the Paris Municipal Council has proposed this course, and it seems likely to find acceptance. One point urged is

that the nuns are content with £8 a year, whilst the lay nurses receive from £50 to £60. Against this must be reckoned the fact that wage earners must be dependent on a "living wage" to keep them off the rates, and that it is false economy in anyone to whom board and lodging are assured, religious Sister or otherwise, to undersell the worker.

At the quarterly meeting of the Scottish Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the report on the past three months' work was submitted. It stated that the Council were directly responsible for eight Queen's nurses and nineteen probationers receiving instruction in the Training Home. Nine nurses had completed training, and had been engaged for district work at Clydebank, Stevenston, Bellshill, New Galloway, Fauldhouse, Hamilton, and Strathkinness. New branches had been formed at Niddrie, Stevenston, New Galloway, Fauldhouse, Grantown-on-Spey, and Fochabers. One hundred and forty-three visits of inspection had been made and reported on to the Executive Committee; 1,767 cases had been nursed in Edinburgh by the nurses from the Training Home, necessitating 30,474 visits, and 573 cases remained on the books at the end of the quarter. Miss Peterkin had taken up her duties as Superintendent for Scotland.

The managers of the Hawick Cottage Hospital have shown their sincere sympathy with the Matron, who sustained a serious accident which deprived the hospital of her services for some time, by making her a compensatory grant of £100, half of which was paid by the insurance company, whose liability was cordially acknowledged.

On March 26th Dr. Moorhead gave a most interesting lecture on "Massage for Diseases of the Nervous System," a continuation of the former one on the same subject. The audience was composed mostly of masseuses. The chair was taken by Miss Reed, and a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Miss Hogg, was carried by acclamation.

We understand that the "village nursing" scheme is on the *tapis* again in Ireland among the "United Irishwomen," and also that the Marchioness of Headfort is arranging a theatrical entertainment for the fund for training village maternity nurses for rural Ireland. We may point out that the sick poor in rural districts need just as skilled care, or even more so, as those in towns and cities, and, further,

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