

THE ANGLO-ITALIAN NURSING SERVICE.

SCUOLA CONVITTO REGINA ELENA.

The aim of this School is to train Italian Probationers on what is termed "Florence Nightingale" lines. The idea is new in Italy, and the S.C.R.E. is the first training school based on modern accepted lines—to as great an extent as possible.

The training staff is English-trained: Matron, assistant matron, sisters, and sisters on probation. The staff nurses are those nurses who have completed their training in this school.

The doctors and patients are all Italian.

The wards contain 36 to 40 beds, and the surgical work is good. There are more surgical than medical wards likely to be vacant.

The aim of the Roman school is to create a standard of nursing which other towns should imitate; and also, in time, to be able to supply hospitals in other Italian towns with sisters, staff nurses, or matrons.

Nurses are first appointed as sisters on probation, and work under the English ward sister with an Italian staff nurse and Italian probationers, wearing sister's uniform, only being distinguished from full sister by a green stripe on left arm. If found suitable, they are promoted to ward sisters as fresh work is taken on or present sisters leave or are promoted.

PAY.

Sister on probation ...	70 fcs. per month.
Sister	85 fcs. ,,
After two years ...	100 fcs. ,,

Travelling expenses are paid to Rome, a settled sum of 175 fcs. being given to the nurse.

Should she leave of her own accord before the termination of one year, this money must be refunded.

The engagement may be terminated by a month's notice on either side; but should the nurse leave of her own accord before the termination of two years, the return journey must be paid by her. Should this notice be given by the matron owing to any fault or want of discipline on the part of the nurse, the return journey is paid by the nurse. After a period of two years' work the return journey is paid by the Committee.

A uniform allowance of 125 fcs. yearly will be given to the nurse.

Each nurse has six weeks' holiday in the year.

No nurse will be engaged as sister unless it is believed she possesses those qualities indispensable for a good sister in Italy, or unless she has proved herself capable of developing

those qualities during her provisional months as sister on probation.

The engagement is for not less than two years, though, should the matron not find the nurse suitable for a ward sister, the engagement may be terminated at the end of one year. The return journey will then be paid by the Committee.

After two years, if wishing to remain, the sister must sign again for *not less* than one year from date of signing second paper, and must return to Rome at own expense.

No travelling money will again be paid to the nurse until the expense is actually incurred, and she leaves the school finally to return to England.

No nurse leaving the Policlinico is to take up private nursing in Rome for a year from the time of leaving.

NUMBER OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL AND CLINICS.

Obstetric 110, Surgical 80, Medical 55, Nurses 6, Skin 40, Nose and Throat 24, Eye 70, Med. Path. 8, Children 26, Hospital 720, Deposito 40, Isolation 150, making in all 1,329.

The present number of patients under the care of the S.C.R.E. is 240.

THE NURSES' HOME.

The present Nurses' Home contains 72 beds; the new Home to be built will have 400.

On the nursing staff at present there are 13 Englishwomen and 53 Italians.

The Anglo-Italian Nursing Service should appeal to those nurses who enjoy fresh fields of work—as so many do nowadays. For further information and the Form of Application, candidates should address—

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NURSES FOR THE PRAIRIE.

The need of nurses for women in isolated prairie districts, particularly at critical periods, has long been one of the difficulties of Canadian pioneering.

An attempt is now being made to meet the need by securing the co-operation of the Victorian Order of Nurses. The idea—which emanates from Principal W. J. Black, of the Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg—is that the Order should work in conjunction with the Home Economic Clubs, a recent organisation of women throughout Western Canada.

The directors of the Order have favourably received the proposal, and a practical scheme is likely to be worked out.

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