

During 1912 the number of Nursing Associations affiliated to the Institute was 50, and 1 County Association, compared with 64 and 2 County Associations in 1911. In 1912, 37 Nursing Associations ceased to employ Queen's Nurses, compared with 13 in 1911. The number of Nursing Associations in affiliation with the Institute was 1,010 on December 31st, 1912, compared with 1,000 in 1911, and the number of Queen's Nurses 1,908, compared with 1,860 in the previous year. The total number of nurses in connection with the Institute, including Queen's Nurses, and those in training, Village Nurses and Midwives, was 3,537—i.e., England 2,712, Scotland 398, Ireland 179, and Wales 248.

We regret to hear from a Queen's Nurse that in some instances they are not free to support the registration movement by joining the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and that the policy of this journal in demanding that efficiently trained nurses should be supplied to the rural poor is antagonising certain Nursing Associations and their officials who supply midwives or cottage helps as "skilled" nurses to these defenceless people.

One nurse goes so far as to withdraw her application for membership of the S.R.S. "for fear of an open rupture" with her Superintendent.

The fact that the names and professional qualifications of nurses joining the Society appear in this journal prevents, we are informed, Queen's Nurses from "coming out" for registration as they would like to do.

This is a very scandalous condition of affairs, well known to us—economic terrorism pure and simple—and which we shall make use of in our future fight for State protection for trained nurses. The Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses—upon which the

Nurses have no representation—should publicly announce that the 2,000 trained nurses they employ are to act according to their conscience in this fight for professional emancipation, and we hope they will do it at an early date. The fact that Mr. Sydney Holland is a member of the Council makes such action the more imperative.

Many people have a very sketchy idea of family life in East Africa. Perhaps the charming group of Sub Deacon Benjamin Mwerondo and his family, which we print on this page, by the kind permission of the Universities'



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Mission to Central Africa, may serve to enlighten them. When we see the possibilities of happiness and usefulness for the sunny-hearted peoples of Equatorial Africa, when the black pall of the slave traffic has been removed, and the darkness and terror of heathendom dispelled by the Light of the World, we realize the immense debt of gratitude the African peoples owe to that great hero of modern times, David Livingstone, whose centenary we are this year celebrating. When he returned to Africa for the last time he appealed to the Universities to continue his work, saying, "I leave it with you," and right nobly has the Universities' Mission fulfilled that

View Day at Bart's was this year much enjoyed. It is a fascinating old custom, at which the Treasurer and officers and a long comet's tail of governors and members of the staff visit each ward. The whole hospital has been scrubbed and polished up to the highest pitch of perfection; it is then decorated according to taste with the loveliest of flowers and plants. "This year," writes a visitor, "some wards were most tastefully decorated with wild flowers; the bluebells of various shades were most effective in Stanley Ward, and the cow-

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