

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

CITY AND COUNTY OF LONDON.

The meeting of the Grand Committee was held at the Mansion House, E.C., on Thursday, October 30th. Lady Dimsdale, who presided, was re-elected Vice-Chairman, and Miss Goodhue Hon. Secretary. An interesting report of the year's work was presented. The roll of the nursing staff of the four general hospitals was, it was stated, quite complete. The total number of nurses available in case of national emergency in London was 484, and they could be mobilised at a few hours' notice. The accommodation provided for soldier patients in the hospitals would be at least 2,000 and probably many more. To fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee caused by the retirement in rotation of Lady Hanson, Lady Faudel Phillips, Mrs. Makins, Miss Finch, and Miss Amy Hughes, the following ladies were elected: The Countess of Denbigh, the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, Lady Ellis, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Sidney Browne.

The following ladies were elected members of the Grand Committee: The Hon. Lady Lyttelton, Lady Perrott, Mrs. Lawrence Drummond, Mrs. English, and Mrs. Hyslop.

ORGANISATION OF NURSING COMMITTEES.

The following suggestions to facilitate the work of the General Hospitals when mobilised, were adopted:—

1. When orders have been issued for the General Hospitals to be mobilised, the Committee will make arrangements to meet every day in some room or hall adjacent to the hospital.
2. Some of the Committee will always be on duty during the day; a roster will be arranged of those who are willing to attend, and the hours they will be able to give.
3. They will receive all articles of food and clothing which are sent to them for the patients, and will acknowledge them and forward them to the hospital.
4. Some arrangement for transport, such as a light cart, a stove, and other necessary cooking utensils should also be provided.
5. Some of the most useful and important duties of the Committee will be in the workrooms, where additional articles, similar to those provided by the Working Guilds, can be made, bandages rolled, splints covered, tray cloths made, and small articles washed and repaired. The Secretary or some other member of the Committee should obtain a list every morning from the Matron of the hospital, of the probable requirements for the day.
6. The Committee should select some of their members to act as visitors to the Wards, but this permission should be very carefully guarded as on former occasions the intrusion of unauthorised persons into Military Hospitals has caused great

inconvenience, not only to the authorities but also to the patients. No ladies, except those selected by the Committee and approved by the Administrator of the Hospital, should be placed on the regular visiting list.

The number of visits and the hours during which visits may be made to the Hospital will be decided by the Administrator, by whom visiting passes will be issued.

Authorised visitors before going into wards will ascertain from the Sister in charge if there are any which it would be inexpedient to enter, and also any patients whom it would be undesirable to visit, and they should be guided by her decision.

7. No food of any kind should be taken into the wards by the visitors, but newspapers and books, flowers, pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, writing paper and envelopes, might be distributed by the visitors to those patients allowed to receive them.

A vote of thanks to Lady Dimsdale for presiding terminated the meeting.

NURSING ECONOMICS.

AN INSTRUCTIVE CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence which has taken place between the Hon. Secretary of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and the Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, of the London Hospital, was presented to the Executive Committee of the above Society at its meeting on October 23rd:—

431, Oxford Street, London, W.

July 24th, 1913.

SIR,—I am directed to enclose to you a copy of a resolution carried at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, held in London on July 18th, and to ask you to bring it before the next meeting of the House Committee of the London Hospital.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Sec.*

RESOLUTION.

“The Annual Meeting of Members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to record its protest against the practice of the Committee of the London Hospital in sending out nurses to private cases, for gain, at the end of two years' training; because it is economically unsound that they should compete with nurses holding certificates of three or more years' consecutive training in hospital wards, and because, until such time as a Nurses' Registration Act is in force, the public cannot know that the members of the London Hospital Private Nursing Staff, for whose services they are charged full fees, are not required to attain the almost universally accepted standard of three years' training before certification.”

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