

After the meeting the members had an opportunity of seeing the new Memorial Block, containing the theatre, and the Etherington Smith Ward. Both are still unfurnished, but it was possible to gain a good impression of the whole. The ward, which will contain two beds for members of the resident staff, or students, opens by a French window on to a wide balcony, on to which beds can easily be wheeled. A fine sunset was to be seen to the right of the Colston block, from this vantage point, when the League visited the ward. It has the usual annexes, but is served from the Lucas kitchen.

The theatre, which is excellently provided with both natural and artificial light, has a commodious gallery, in front of which, screening it from the theatre, is a glass screen set at an angle which acts as a shield between those in the gallery and the theatre proper. Adjoining the theatre is a room for the pathologist, who will, if necessary, examine specimens while an operation is proceeding, when on his report its extent will be determined. There is a dressing-room for the surgeons, and the other usual annexes.

The Guardians of the Holborn Union have lately had under consideration the conditions of service of the nursing staff at the Highgate Infirmary, and have lost no time in making representations to the Local Government Board for the appointment of no fewer than twenty additional nurses. This, it would appear, will provide for eight staff nurses and twelve probationers, and will involve something over £1,000 a year being added to the bill of salaries.

Let us hope there will be no haggling upon the part of the L.G.B., as nursing under its management requires bringing up to date, and that without delay.

The following quotation will give some idea of the difficulty with which Boards of Guardians have to contend in maintaining a nursing staff: The Clerk of the Bromley Board reported that Miss Hannah Harkin, the new superintendent nurse, would take up her duties on the 24th November.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that they saw no objection to the appointment of D. K. Chapman as charge nurse at the Workhouse.

Miss D. K. Chapman wrote to the Board as follows: "Please accept notice that I desire to resign my position of charge nurse one month from to-day."

The Clerk said the vacancy had been advertised.

Rev. E. B. Spurgin: Any reason for the resignation?

The Clerk: No.

The Local Government Board wrote that they saw no objection to the appointment of H. Turner as charge nurse at the Workhouse.

Mr. T. Healey (Workhouse Master) reported that the following members of the Nursing Committee assembled, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Chalmers, and Mrs. Vinson, but the candidate did not appear, and no action was taken.

Miss E. M. Chadwick, secretary of the East London Nursing Society, writes to the *Queen* to say that the demand for district nurses so far exceeds the supply that in the present year the Society has spent over £10 in advertising for nurses, for a staff of twenty, and she understands the position is a pretty general one—not applying only to district nursing. "The supply of nurses is quite inadequate to meet the demands, and we do not get the class of women we wish for. If you could insert an article in your paper on district nursing as an opening for educated women, you would be rendering a public service."

The Asylum Workers Union has written to thank the Cardiff Mental Hospital Committee for the kindness and consideration they have shown by granting the concessions asked for by the members of the Union at the institution.

The Chairman said he appreciated the tone of the letter. He wished to say that, if the attendants and nurses took the committee and the Medical Superintendent into their confidence, the greatest consideration would be given to any applications they put forward.

This is the right spirit between the worker and the employer. We congratulate both sides.

A leading West of Scotland practitioner with a large experience of consumptive cases is under the impression that it will be found necessary to found a special School of Nurses of Phthisis, so as to afford them special opportunities for studying the special conditions of phthisical treatment. Queen's nurses and Ranyard nurses in London are already availing themselves of such special teaching obtainable at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C.

The November number of the *American Journal of Nursing* announces the marriages of thirty-five graduate nurses. Eight married medical men.

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