

night staff, 60 hours per week. In granting this concession the committee feel they are possibly only somewhat anticipating general legislation.

The new arrangement will entail an additional annual cost estimated at £2,743.

As a new nurse resigned at the end of a fortnight "on her marriage" the Atcham Board of Guardians have wisely decided that the Officers Committee shall go into the whole matter of nurses employment.

The Chairman said he had had twenty years' experience on that Board, and he had always found a difficulty in filling the position of assistant nurse. One of the great difficulties lay in the fact that they had to reside five miles away from a town.

Mrs. Harley said there was no doubt that the nurses at their institution were not properly paid, and if they were to improve matters it would be necessary, to have all the conditions of nursing altered.

The Clerk said they did not pay enough to get trained nurses, and as they had no resident medical officer, they could not take probationers.

Mrs. W. E. Tonge has been unanimously appointed chairman of the Westhoughton Nursing Association. As she is a kind and charming woman the appointment is a fortunate one for the nurses.

Sir George T. Beatson, M.D., K.C.B., on the occasion of his retirement from the position of visiting surgeon at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has written a letter to the managers of the infirmary, in the course of which he says:—"I desire also to say how conscious I am of my professional indebtedness to the infirmary, and of the valuable lessons I have learned there. I should like to indicate this in a small way, and as I know how much every member of the medical and surgical staff is dependent on the skill and efficiency of the nurses of the institution, and as personally I have been most ably served by them, I would ask to be allowed to establish an annual nursing prize of the value of £5 to be awarded to the best nurse in each year and be known as 'The Florence Nightingale Prize—Glasgow Western Infirmary.'"

At a meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for

Nurses held at 63, Dawson Street, Dublin, on July 3rd, Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless, Vice-Chairman, presiding, a full report of the work of the Jubilee Nurses in Ireland was submitted by Miss Michie, Superintendent of the Irish Branch. Special reference was made to the recent garden party at Devonshire House, kindly given by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Ireland was well represented, no fewer than sixty nurses having journeyed to London. Through the kindness of the many friends of the Institute, a number of the nurses were most hospitably entertained during their stay, and some of the hospitals also extended a hearty welcome.

The nurses thoroughly enjoyed their short visit to London, and much appreciated the kindness shown them, and the great honour of being personally inspected by the President of the Institute, Queen Alexandra.

From County Dublin the following nurses were present:—Miss Chisholm, Miss Crowther, Miss Sexton, Miss Parke, Miss Owen, Miss McNulty, Miss Buckley, Miss Fitzgibbon, and Miss Michie.

We are glad to note that Mr. Elliott suggested at a recent meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians that the Clerk should write to the Local Government Board asking them to take into consideration the scale of salaries proposed by the Board, especially that dealing with charge nurses' salaries. He added that some of their most efficient probationers left the institution on the completion of their training as they were not willing to accept the very low salaries. The present scale of salaries for charge nurses was £26, rising to £30 a year, and the new scale proposed was £30, rising to £36 a year.

The Board cannot expect to keep well qualified nurses for any length of time at the present rate of remuneration.

"THE OLD HOSPITAL AND THE NEW."

At midnight on Tuesday last King's College Hospital closed its doors, to reopen in October at Denmark Hill. Previously there was a reunion of past and present students, when the Matron, Miss Ray, was presented with a bouquet, and the health of "Mary" for 23 years the doctors' maid was drunk with acclamation. The toast of the evening proposed by Professor Urban Pritchard was "The Old Hospital and the New."

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