

that the fees received by the nurses have considerably exceeded those earned by them in any one year since the Co-operation was founded in 1891. The position of the nurses under the National Insurance Act has received the consideration of the Committee, and the question has been raised whether they are under the Act at all. The Commissioners have answered the question in the affirmative in regard to those earning two guineas a week, and this decision has been communicated to the staff. To meet their need under the Insurance Act, the Medical Officer to the Co-operation has consented to have his name placed on the panel, restricting his services, at the same time, to the Co-operation.

FROM OVER SEAS.

We understand that Miss J. C. Child is returning to her post in Basutoland, having accomplished one year's service as General Superintendent of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses, for which work she was specially seconded by the High Commissioner. It would seem that further organization is required to place the Order on a well disciplined footing. (1) A permanent office is required in Cape Town for the information of the public, and (2) the agreement for the terms of service need defining to include a Pension. There is no doubt that away from the big cities many more well trained private nurses are required throughout South Africa, and as the Order develops it will be appreciated. In all countries where a private nursing service is organized from a centre, and subsidised, it is natural that those private nurses already in the field, should desire that nothing should be done to deprive them of work. We can all sympathise with this view, and desire that the greatest care should be taken not to depreciate their economic value in any way.

STILL THEY COME!

A young woman dressed in the costume of a nurse refused to give her name and address at the Rochester City Police Court on Tuesday, March 3rd, when charged with having stolen a lady's hat, two five-shilling packets of money in bronze, and a clinical thermometer, at a private hotel in Rochester, at which she stayed from February 2nd to 22nd. In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk, prisoner, said that she had private reasons for declining to give her name and address and where she was last engaged as a nurse. Chief Constable Arnold said that the prisoner had been staying at a hotel under the name of "Nurse Leslie Plant." When told of the charge, she said that she should make no reply until she had consulted a solicitor. Since she had been at the Police Station, she had

been visited by a clergyman, in response to a letter she had written to him. In his presence she wrote a statement, in which she said that the hat was brought into her bedroom by a child. The magistrates remanded prisoner in custody for a week. On March 10th she was again brought before the Justices and committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions for Rochester in April next.

We wonder if there is any connection with "Gloria Leslie"?

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has sent his annual subscription of 10 guineas to the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

Miss Cullis, D.Sc., and Dr. May Thorne are the speakers at an "At Home," given by Mrs. Cecil Chapman, at 24, Buckingham Gate, S.W., on March 19th to further the interests of the South London Hospital for Women. A "Brick Collection" has been organized to raise money for the Building Fund, and small books have been prepared consisting of pages divided into sections representing bricks. Each section forms a receipt for 1d., and the selling of a whole book adds £1 to the Fund. Books of bricks may be obtained from the Hon. Organizer, Mrs. Weddall, 31, Romberg Road, Balham, S.W.

It was announced at a Court of Governors of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital at Winchester that Miss Burrell, of Fairthorne Manor, Botley, had given a further donation of £1,500 in addition to the £5,000 which she recently gave, to enable various reconstruction works to be carried out.

On Thursday the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, held its annual meeting. Lord Monk was in the chair. A report of the past year's work was read and approved. The new wing of the Hospital had been finished and opened a few months ago, and is a great benefit in every way. The beds are always occupied, patients coming from nearly every part of Ireland. A high tribute was paid to the memory of the late Sir Henry Swanzy, who worked so devotedly for the Hospital. A special appeal was made to the public for more funds to carry on the work.

Glasgow is shortly to have a new Children's Hospital ideally placed overlooking the stately river, and the last word in institutions of the kind. It is to be opened by the King during the summer.

The Times announces the death of Professor Joachimsthal, a great German authority on surgery, from inflammation of the lungs and a nervous complaint, which followed on a disease of unknown character contracted in the course of his experiments on animals.

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