

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

### PRIZES AT BIRMINGHAM.

The following Prizes will be offered in the Nursing Exhibit being arranged at Birmingham in connection with the Annual Conference of the National Council of Trained Nurses, to be awarded by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

First Prize, £3 3s., for most instructive exhibit sent by a League of Nurses.

Second Prize, £2 2s., for the most useful invention by a nurse for the comfort of the sick.

Third Prize, £1 1s., for the best group of three dolls dressed in uniform—not to exceed 10 inches in height. Workmanship and neatness will be tests of excellence.

Fourth Prize, £1, kindly offered by Miss Waind, Galen House, Guildford, for the best "makeshift" in nursing. This is the sort of thing done so cleverly by the National Union of Trained Nurses. We shall be pleased to announce the offer of any other Prizes, if any of our readers feel disposed to make them.

## THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

### GUY'S HOSPITAL.

A special "all day working party" was held on March 23rd under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League, to provide certain necessaries to send out to Miss Farrer, at the Keith Falconer Hospital, Sheikh Ottoman, Arabia.

Miss Richardson superintended the proceedings, and a good day's work was done. A collection had been made and the materials were ready to hand, so that no time was wasted. Nearly every nurse spent some time, even though only a few minutes could be spared, in sewing towels, &c., or making and rolling bandages. Several nurses from other Hospitals came to help—the London, St. Bartholomew's, and Bethnal Green Infirmary, &c., sending helpers.

Addresses were given during the day by Dr. White of Persia and Dr. Kennedy of India. The box to be sent will contain over 200 roller bandages, 14 many tail bandages, 11 T bandages, 18 pairs of stockings, 4 pairs of shoes, 16 eye bandages, 6 doctor's aprons, 24 doctor's towels, 14 pillow cases, 12 eye shades, 8 knitted sponges, 18 dusters, 10 nail brushes, haberdashery.

Work went on from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

At the annual meeting of the Queen Victoria District Nursing Association, Liverpool, on Monday last, Miss Mills, who has served the Association for thirty years, twenty-four as Matron of the Kirkdale Home, and is now resigning, was presented by the Lord Mayor, on behalf of the Committee, with a handsome cheque.

## NURSING IN ITALY.

### SCUOLA CONVITTO REGINA ELENA, ROME.

January 20th marks the visit of Sir Frederick Treves to our training school. Sir Frederick seemed much pleased with the nurses' quarters, and with their trim white uniform—particularly remarking the white shoes (as much from a hygienic as from an aesthetic point of view), which the climate permits them to wear—and spoke encouragingly of the work.

February 21st will long remain a memorable day in our annals, for on it the Sisters begin to be Sisters indeed—real "Capo Sale," or heads of their own wards—the nuns having been definitely withdrawn. Henceforth the Sisters will be entirely responsible, not only for the actual nursing, as from the first, but for the drawing of diets, care of linen and stores, and management of ward-maids and porters—this having been previously delegated to the nun of the ward.

It is to be regretted that these nuns, who are called "Daughters of S. Vincent de Paul," have not responded to the facilities granted by the committee to enable them to train in nursing and gain recognised certificates—for no one who works in Italy can have any very sanguine hope of being able to make much advance with hospital reform if they have not the co-operation of some of the religious orders; and it is much to be hoped that in time old prejudices may be eradicated, and that an Italian nun may come to believe she can also do a great and valuable work, as much for the cause of religion as for suffering humanity, by devoting herself to hospital nursing and reform.

On February 24th, Queen Elena again paid us one of her impromptu and unceremonious visits, making an entire round of three of the surgical wards, and exchanging a word with each of the patients; being herself a most keen nurse, nothing delights her more than to chance to come on some dressing or treatment that is being effected and of watching the process.

### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome:

*Assistant Matron.*—Miss Margaret Cornock, promoted from Sister of Women's Medical Wards.

*Sisters.*—Miss Eleanor Coupland, trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol; Miss Margaret Wardlaw, trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss Ellen Piggott, trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London; Miss Maria Sapio, trained at King's College Hospital, London.

*Sisters on Probation.*—Miss M. E. Leng, trained at Middlesborough Hospital; Miss Esther Phillips, trained at St. Mary's Infirmary, Highgate; Miss Dorothy Newell, trained at King's College Hospital, London; Miss E. M. Smith, trained at St. Mary's Infirmary, Highgate.

### RESIGNATIONS.

The following sisters have resigned: Miss Maud Weedon Cooke and Miss Mary Kell, after

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