

The annual report of the Badley Memorial Home for District Nursing, Dudley, states that the total number of patients nursed last year was 902, compared with 835 in the previous twelve months. The visits paid by nurses numbered 16,017, compared with 15,959.

The work has been much the same as in previous years, except that there have been more cases of typhoid fever. The Invalid Nourishment Fund has been a great help to the nurses at their work, and without it, it would have been impossible to have brought many of the worst cases to a successful termination.

The Superintendent (Miss Mann), concluding the report, states she will shortly sever her connection with the Home, with which she has been associated for eleven years. Her resignation will be received with very great regret.

We are glad to hear that the Oldmill Poor-house Committee at Aberdeen are considering the present conditions of nursing service. An adequate staff of nurses—better pay for them, shorter hours, and that all necessary help required in the hospital should be rendered by paid labour, are a few improvements which should be at once adopted.

According to the *Morning Advertiser*, the nurses in the hospitals at Paris have protested against the anti-typhic serum of Professors Chautemosse and Vincent, on the ground that it has injurious effects upon them. The nurses have been vaccinated by order of the hospital authorities. They allege, however, that the serum has caused the deaths of Mesdames Anna Lorenzi and Chatelain, and that Mesdames Brunet and Babillot have been very ill. The last was cut during the period of incubation, and had to have an arm amputated. "Are we to be taken for animals?" ask the nurses.

As a result of the nurses' protest the injection of the serum has been suspended. The nurses have appealed to the doctors of the Seine, and hope that the hospital authorities will accede to their request.

The *Bulletin Professionnel des Infirmières et Gardes-Malades* announces with deep satisfaction the formation of the Association of Visiting Nurses of France, of which Mlle. de Montmort, 3, rue de Tilsitt, Paris VIII^e, is Secretary-General. It is the object of the association to wage a methodical war against tuberculosis, alcoholism, and infant mortality,

and it invites the co-operation of nurses possessing the diploma of a school, or of the Red Cross, whether lay or religious, whether they belong to the wealthy or the modest middle classes, provided that they consent to devote a certain amount of time each week to the care of the sick poor who often cannot go into a hospital, either because there is no room, or because they cannot leave their families. The President is Mme. la Marquise de Ganay, and names well-known to nurses in this country are those of Mlle. Chaptal, one of the Vice-Presidents, and Mme. Alphen Salvador, and M. le Dr. Rist, members of the Committee.

Nosokomos, the organ of the Dutch Nurses' Association, gives the following advice of what a private nurse is *not* to do:—

She should not undertake a new case when she is dead tired.

Not stay for years in private nursing without attending new lectures or courses of training.

Not cease to study after passing her examinations.

Not forget to become a subscriber to a nursing paper (edited by a trained nurse).

Not consider the purchase of new books of study unnecessary.

Never lose an opportunity of visiting a hospital.

We have received the following expression of opinion from a private nurse in South Africa. "Wherever high social influence is used to control any branch of nursing, it inevitably results in limiting the natural progress of the value of women's work and remuneration. An Association of Government officials or 'persons of quality' set up an arbitrary non-progressive scale of salaries—say for private or district nurses—and competition in the open market at an increased rate becomes impossible. Thus in England, in hospitals, in district work, and in other branches controlled by wealthy and titled people—in spite of the greatly increased cost of living during the past decade—nurses have had no perceptible increase in their remuneration, because their 'market' is controlled by social and official influence. It seems time for a self-supporting and self-respecting body of women, such as trained nurses are, to object to this dangerous system of economic control. Especially objectionable is it in my opinion to be known, not as a 'registered nurse,' but as an appendage to the title of some member of the peerage. We are a body of skilled women workers—let the State recognize us—and let us leave it at that."

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