

November 4th at 89, Harley Street, W., by invitation of Mrs. Donald Armour. In the absence of Princess Henry of Battenberg, Earl Howe was present to represent Queen Alexandra.

Sir Dyce Duckworth, who presided, announced that in the name of the meeting a special vote of sympathy would be sent to Princess Henry in her bereavement. Many of the nurses had been called to the Front on the outbreak of War, as all were reservists from the Navy and Army. They had appealed to the Committee to keep the Co-operation going, so that they might not be amongst the unemployed on their return; that was what faced them without public support. The auditor said that the receipts had gone down by half. The expenses were £850, and they expected to receive about £450. Lord Howe said he should consider it his duty to report to Queen Alexandra that it was the intention and determination of the supporters of the Co-operation to keep the flag flying.

The General Powers Bill of the London County Council which, it will be remembered, deals with the Registration of Nursing and Lying-in Homes, passed through Committee in the House of Commons last Session, and, as it was suspended, now awaits the Report stage. We learn that it is uncertain when this will be taken. It may not be even until February, 1915.

The Council of the Fever Nurses Association, in view of the fact that Committees still experience difficulty in staffing Fever Hospitals, have had under consideration the question of off duty time, which has considerable weight with probationers and nurses, and has now forwarded the following recommendations to 220 clerks of hospital committees, with a request that they will bring them to the notice of their respective committees. The recommendations are:—

(a) That nurses should be given eighteen hours a week out of their duty time, plus six hours one day in the month to make a whole day monthly; this time to be exclusive of meal times and Sunday passes. The distribution of the time to be left to the authorities of each individual hospital.

(b) That the minimum amount of annual leave granted to probationers and staff nurses be three weeks, and to Sisters four weeks.

(c) Firstly, that night nurses shall have at least one whole night off duty every fortnight, and secondly, that they shall be allowed to go out of the hospital three hours daily.

We are asked by the Hon. Secretary of the Liverpool branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses to state that the Liverpool Club for Trained Nurses, in Premier Building, Church Street, will be opened with a social gathering for members of the branch, on Thursday evening, November 26th. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be served at 8 p.m., for which a small charge will be made. A full attendance of members is requested, as the programme of work for the winter and other important business will be discussed. Members are requested to wear their badges.

The many friends of Miss M. Wright, Matron of Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, as well as those who have profited by the excellent training they received under her direction, and are now filling posts of responsibility in the nursing world, will regret to learn that she has resigned the position, the Government having taken over the hospital for military purposes. It seems incredible that, under these circumstances, the only compensation the Glasgow Parish Council has given an officer who has served them faithfully for twenty-one years is a year's salary without emoluments. If this is all the recognition they can expect for good work, members of the nursing profession will do well to pause before taking service under this Council. Also candidates who desire to obtain training as nurses should consider the terms of their contract before taking service under the Glasgow Poor Law, as we understand that pupils in training are being sent to holiday homes where only healthy children are received, and where, therefore, they obviously cannot be trained to nurse sick people.

Miss Brockie, who, with Miss Maudling, went out last year to Brazil as a Matron of the Staff Quarters of the Great Western of Brazil Railway Co., writes that they are now together in Jabotão. On arrival they remained at São Lourenço for a month, and then she went on to Pernambuco. In September, 1913, they went to the seaside quarters for three months; now the two quarters have been joined, so all the staff are at Jabotão, and very comfortably housed. Eleven of the men have sailed for England in order to enlist, the Company paying their passages and keeping their posts open.

In regard to illness, Miss Brockie writes that they have been very fortunate. Their work has been mainly preventative, as in Brazil the slightest ailment must not be neglected. They thoroughly enjoy THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, look forward to the advent of each

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