

At the annual meeting of the Garston and District Nursing Association, Liverpool, which receives a grant towards the work of its school nurse, Mr. J. G. Legge, Director of Education, said that there was a suggestion that too much was being done for children by the authorities, and that parents were being relieved, thus causing a loss of grit and fibre, which was the pride of our race. An immense work was being done by that Association, and the real point was in the way it was done. If relief was merely shovelled out it would weaken the moral fibre, but where relief was given under proper conditions it would strengthen rather than weaken.

Appreciation is always pleasant, and often not too generously bestowed. The nurses of the Dorking Poor Law Infirmary will learn with pleasure of the gratitude for their work expressed in a letter read at a recent meeting of the Dorking Board of Guardians from a son of a late patient in the Infirmary, who sent 4s. 6d. for three weeks "towards dear mother's keep, while in the Infirmary," and added, "I thank you and the nurses and Guardians for their kindness towards dear mother. She said to the very last, till the worst hour came, that she was treated with kindness."

The Health Committee of the Glasgow Town Council have decided to recommend an increase in the salaries of the nurses in their employment, in order to attract and retain nurses. An additional attraction would be a whole instead of a half day off duty for probationers once a month, thus enabling those living at some distance from the city to visit their homes occasionally.

The Skye District Medical and Nursing Service Association recently met to consider a letter from the Secretary of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Board, which stated that, pending the approval of the Scottish Office, and the Treasury, of the scheme which the Board had prepared for the district, they were ready to give assistance, from an emergency fund at their disposal, in order that the service of four nurses for the most necessitous districts in the island can be obtained without delay. If local committees could be formed who would undertake to raise 25 per cent. of the total cost of fully trained nurses, the Board would, on getting a satisfactory assurance to this effect, guarantee the balance for the first year. We are glad to learn that it was decided to agree to this proposal, and that Glendale, Eastside, Strath and Water-

nish should be the selected districts, provided that local arrangements could be made for the contributions required.

Under the auspices of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association an interesting lecture was given to the members of the Association on "The Treatment of Patients after Operation, with special reference to Shock," by Mr. S. T. Irwin, F.R.C.S., on Monday, January 18th. The lecture was greatly appreciated.

The Omagh Guardians appear to wish to give holidays to the members of their nursing staff only if they can arrange with other members of the staff to do their work in addition to their own. At a meeting of the Board on January 7th it was reported by the Master that at the request of the medical officer he had requisitioned the services of Nurse Gallagher from the County Hospital to do Nurse Watson's duty in the workhouse. Mr. P. M'Loughlin reasonably said that the Board had granted the holidays, and it was their duty to see that some person discharged the duties of Nurse Watson. He understood that Nurse Watson had done her best to get some of the other nurses to do her work, but they had absolutely refused to do so. The Chairman, Mr. George Murnaghan, J.P., said it had always been the practice in the infirmary that the nurses should do one another's work when holidays were granted.

Mr. Lewis said there seemed to be "stiffness and obstinacy" amongst the nurses who refused to discharge the extra duty; and another member of the Board suggested that an example should be made of some of them.

Poor Law infirmaries are, as a rule, rather under than over-staffed, and conscientious nurses know that overwork means neglect of patients.

When holidays are given it should be at the expense of the ratepayers, not of the nurses.

We are pleased to note, as reported in the *South African Nursing Record*, that the Cape Provincial Medical Council, at a meeting on November 3rd last, concerned itself with nurses' education:—

Dr. Wood proposed the following new regulation for trained nurses:—"No institution in South Africa shall be approved by the Council under the foregoing Regulation (the recognition of a third class of institution for training of nurses, where two years is to be equivalent to one in hospitals with more acute cases) unless every person admitted for training as a

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