

that the Committee thought far too much time was spent by her away from the Infirmary to attend at the Red Cross Hospital, and asking if this were really necessary, and how long it was to continue.

A discussion ensued on a letter from the Superintendent Nurse asking for permission to continue her work for another month.

Eventually her request was granted, subject to the approval of the medical officer.

There can be no doubt that the officer responsible for the nursing department at the Infirmary should be on duty there, and while it was commendable of Miss Templeman to give up her holiday, in a crisis like the present, to work at the Red Cross Hospital, we do not think the Guardians are justified in paying her salary out of the ratepayers' money in order that she may do gratuitous Red Cross work. Their right course of action would be to give her leave of absence, and pay her substitute, leaving the authorities of the Red Cross Hospital to make suitable payment for the work done.

Lady Stirling Maxwell presided at the twenty-third annual meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation last week, when it was stated that the nurses on the Roll at the end of the financial year on September 30th numbered 179. Since the outbreak of war 84 nurses had gone on Army service, 11 of whom had resigned, so that there were still 73 on war duty, and a few others had offered their services and were waiting to be called.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor in Belfast, held on November 18th, at which Miss Reade presided, the Nursing Council reported that 697 cases had been attended in the nine districts during the past six months. An interesting report was presented by a newcomer, who was struck with the relief brought to the patients through the nurses' skilled hands, with the improvement in the general cleanliness effected by the nurse, and the many sources of help that could be tapped by the Society for the benefit of many a darkened home. The question was, Could anything more be done to give the people a better chance, and so help to prevent the frightful cases the Society was doing its best to relieve?

The nurses at the Omagh Workhouse recently refused to do the duty of one of their number who went on holiday, with the result that the guardians had to employ an extra

nurse, at a cost of £1 17s. per week. At their next meeting the Board strongly deprecated the conduct of the nurses who refused to do the extra duty when directed, and also asked Nurse Watson, who went on leave, why she did so until the other nurses were prepared to do her work.

The nursing arrangements in the smaller poor-law infirmaries do not permit of holiday duty being performed by the usual staff, which is often calculated on too low a scale to admit of the adequate care of the patients even in the ordinary way. It is certainly the duty of the Guardians, not of the nurses, to make the necessary arrangements when a member of the staff has a holiday.

OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES.

News comes from Miss Kent and Miss Hulme, our National Council Delegates, that they are to sail on the "Ryndam" from New York to Falmouth on November 27th. They hope to be in England on December 4th or 5th. A safe journey to them.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

On November 12th the Bath Branch of the N.U.T.N. held a meeting at the Y.W.C.A., Milsom Street, Bath, which was well attended, 100 members and non-members being present. Business was transacted first, and a resolution proposed by Miss Terry, the Branch Secretary, was passed, deciding that the Bath Branch should send a representative and become affiliated to the Bath Branch of the National Union of Women Workers. Miss Terry also reported that the Bath Branch of the N.U.T.N. was sending 230 garments of all descriptions to Russia for the Polish refugees. Dr. Edith Martin, who presided, introduced the lecturer, Miss Violetta Thurstan, who gave a most interesting lecture on "The History of Nursing," which was illustrated by lantern slides. In the second portion of her lecture Miss Thurstan also showed a number of beautiful photographic slides of the war in Belgium and Russia taken by herself. At the conclusion the lecturer stated that the N.U.T.N. was contributing a unit to the Medical Relief Expedition which was being sent out to Russia shortly.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the lecturer and Miss James, who kindly provided the room and lantern, the members thoroughly enjoyed a tea which was most kindly given by Miss Stevens and Miss Ross.

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