

Hudson, commanding a magnificent view up and down and across the river at its widest part, Tappan Zee Bay, with a clear stretch of rolling hill country at the back. The house, surrounded by four acres of ground, is an old residence impressive in its dignity, hospitality, and spaciousness. It is thoroughly equipped with every modern convenience, lighted by electricity, and heated by hot-water system and open fires. The broad verandas on the first and second floors completely encircle the house, and are furnished with hammocks and steamer chairs, supplied with warm rugs in winter, thus enabling one to enjoy the outdoor sunshine to the fullest extent.

"The table, which is abundant and temptingly delicious, is supplied with fresh vegetables and fruit from the Club's garden, and with milk and cream from the Club's Jersey cows. Special diets may be arranged for those desiring them.

"Perhaps the most important asset of the Club is that one which baffles description, and which one must feel in order to appreciate. It is the rare atmosphere of charm which is its very soul."

Lady Procter presided at a meeting of the Nurses' Union, held at Bedford House, W., on June 5th, when suggestions for the reconstruction of the Union were made, with the object of giving greater prominence to its professional side. It was explained that the meeting had no executive power. Proposals were made as to how this could be brought about, such as representation from various societies on the Committee of the Nurses' Union, and of the Union on the committees of affiliated societies. Miss A. C. Gibson suggested that the scheme should be sent round to nurses' societies before further steps were taken. Alternative names proposed for adoption were the Nurses' International Union, the Nurses' Fellowship Union, and the Nurses' Empire League. The only definite action taken was the decision to circularize societies, but the suggestion was made that the societies concerned (amongst them the Royal British Nurses' Association and the Guild of St. Barnabas), might not care to sink their identity in the Nurses' Union.

There really appears no place or use for more nurses' organizations. The National Council of Trained (Registered) Nurses affiliates all leagues and societies, and associates them in the International Council of Nurses, and we feel sure any attempt to supersede (as we hear

suggested) this fine Federation, will not meet with support from the National Associations of Nurses throughout the world who thoroughly understand nursing politics in this country. Moreover, the National Union of Trained Nurses, which organizes local branches, covers the ground where individual nurses are concerned. Much better strengthen existing organizations than add to their number.

Mr. Frederick R. Rhodes, a Christian Scientist, complains in the press that the report of an inquest gives a wrong impression of the nurses employed as Christian Scientists. Nurses are amenable to the following Church by-law:—

A member of the Mother Church, who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse, shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick. The cards of such persons may be inserted in the *Christian Science Journal*, under rules established by the publishers.

Another correspondent claims that such nurses are trained, but in addition are Christian Scientists.

Miss C. A. Derby, 144, The Mount, York, reports that £1,500 (including a gift of £1,000), have been received towards the Home of Rest for Nurses, to be established as a memorial to Miss Edith Cavell, in which her sister, Miss F. M. Scott Cavell, is interested. A country house and garden at Hindhead are offered if £10,000 can be raised to endow it, and contributions may be sent either to Miss Derby or to Miss Scott Cavell, Hull and East Riding Convalescent Home, Withernsea.

The Infirmary Committee of the North Bierley Guardians have reported that they have considered the question of the remuneration of trained nurses, and come to the conclusion that if the staff are to be retained, better payment must be given. The chairman of the committee (Mr. Sharp) accordingly gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the commencing salary of home sisters would be £45, and that of ward sisters £40, and should rise by annual increments of £2 10s. to maxima of £50 and £45 respectively.

At a fire at Shotwick Park, Cheshire, the residence of Sir William Vernon, when considerable damage was done, Sir William, who

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