

they considered tooth-brushes should be provided for all the patients, and that the men should have night-clothes, and not wear the same clothes day and night. The ladies were thanked.

We are glad of that.

As the War Office has declined to sanction the gratuities which the Guardians of the Edmonton Infirmary proposed to grant to their nurses at the military hospital, it has been decided by the Board to make another appeal to the War Office in the matter. We wonder if the Nursing Board at the W.O. has been consulted on this question.

The Poor Law Officers' Journal states that it was reported at a recent meeting of the Edmonton Guardians that a letter had been received from Colonel Mort calling the attention of the Board to a matter concerning himself as Medical Superintendent of the Military Hospital. He had (he wrote) been informed by a General at the War Office that a Guardian had given him information to the effect that he had been appointing Nurses without reference to the Matron. This Colonel Mort denied absolutely. It was a malicious fabrication, and he denounced it at the War Office as a cunning lie designed only to upset the serious work being carried out under him. With this the Matron agreed. He resented very much these rumours and the liberty and licence which allowed an individual member of the Board to attend the War Office with such cock-and-bull tales.

After discussion it was decided that the Clerk (Mr. F. Shelton) should send a communication, stating that the Board was satisfied Colonel Mort had not appointed any Nurses without reference to the Matron, and strongly condemning the action of any Guardian making such a representation to the War Office.

The expectations of the promoters of the street collection held last Saturday on behalf of the Nottingham and District Nursing Association were exceeded, no less a sum than £465 being raised. The organisers are naturally delighted with the result of their efforts.

We congratulate the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses on the decision they arrived at at the Convention in Winnipeg in June to become the owners of *The Canadian Nurse*. "Thus," says the current issue of that journal, "one ideal so long held by *The Canadian Nurse* Editorial Board has been realized, and the Board wishes the National

Association every success, and the hearty co-operation of all the nurses of Canada.

"Every nurse in Canada can, and should, assist the National Association in this new work, and make *The Canadian Nurse* a truly national magazine of which all may be proud."

The further interesting and important announcement is made that at the same Convention the Association appointed Miss Helen Randal as editor of *The Canadian Nurse*.

Miss Randal, who is a graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Class '03, is President of the Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses for the second term. She has held the position of Superintendent of Nurses in several hospitals in the United States, and for the last four years in Vancouver General Hospital.

The press is beginning to blame civilian nurses for lack of tact in their conduct of V.A.D. hospitals. The *Evening Standard* calls them "Ministering Minxes," and says, "In peace time a somewhat rough and flighty type of woman took up nursing." This is the result of professional women electing to serve under untrained Commandants—friction is sure to result.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The last meeting of the Committee was held in London on July 13th, and amendments considered and recommended on the College of Nursing Registration Bill. The Council of the College has since met, and the most important amendments, including that of the Constitution of the General Nursing Council, has not been agreed to according to the latest draft of the Bill. The Central Committee, which is firmly convinced that the Nursing Profession has a right to have plainly stated in a Registration Bill the names of the authorities (not merely names of persons) which are to be empowered to appoint those who are to constitute the Council, will meet at the end of September to consider its line of action. The Medical, Midwives, and Teacher's Acts all provide that the bodies empowered to constitute the governing Bodies set up, are clearly named and authorised by Parliament to assume such responsibility, and a Nurses' Registration Bill must provide the same measure of protection for the Nursing Profession as has been granted to the medical, midwifery, and teaching professions. We hope trained nurses will realise the vital importance of this fundamental principle if a sufficient degree of self government is to be secured to them.

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