

A HOSPITAL FOR NURSES.

The hospital for Australian nurses at 12, Southwell Gardens, Kensington, the opening of which was notified last week, fills an urgent need in the provision of nursing and medical attendance for sick nurses who are far away from home and friends.

It is located in a fine corner house, which catches the maximum amount of sun, and therefore all the rooms have a very cheerful appearance.

On the ground floor is the drawing room provided with plenty of comfortable chairs and a piano. The walls of the dining room are hung with Japanese pictures, which have been kindly lent for the purpose. The wards have a varying amount of beds according to the size of the rooms. Nine in one room is the greatest number; and there are some single rooms. They are all very pleasant, and tastefully and simply furnished. Light green quilts, harmonise very well with the crimson screens.

There are at present fourteen patients, but there is accommodation for twenty-six. We were introduced to one sister who inhabited a single bedroom. She had been "very sick," but was on the road to recovery.

The staff consists of the Matron, Miss C. M. Keyes (certified Brisbane General Hospital), who, since the beginning of the war, has worked in Egypt, and three Sisters.

At present no operations are performed there as the theatre is not yet equipped.

We were very hospitably received by the Matron, who made us somewhat envious by her description of the high nursing standards which prevail in Australia.

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

We learn that the Girls' Patriotic Union have raised the sum of £5,250 by individual efforts in their various schools, and handed it over to the Committee of the British Women's Hospital Star and Garter Building Fund, in Exchequer Bonds, for building a wing of fourteen single wards. This is indeed a splendid bit of patriotic work, and we heartily congratulate these school-girl members of the Union.

In accordance with a clause of an Agreement which entitles the Joint War Committee to name 45 beds at No. 1 Red Cross Hospital, 30 nominations have been made by the Commissioners. One bed is to be named Victor Horsley.

SUNRISE: A WAR-TIME VISION.

Oh! what a rose of sunrise, red with life,
Burns, just beyond the verges of our view,
Into the blooming, after battle strife,
Of day to thousands out of death made new!—
The wounds wherewith racked Christendom is rife,
Whereby to Paradise the souls dawn through.

(From "The Way of Wonder,"
by May Doney.)

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

The second Ordinary General Meeting of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was held in the large hall of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. 1, on Thursday, July 12th. The Hon. Arthur Stanley, Chairman, presided. Some 50 members were present.

The Secretary, Miss M. S. Rundle, read the notice convening the meeting.

The Annual Report and Audited Accounts, which were taken as read, stated that no serious efforts were made to enrol members until after the first Annual Meeting in August, 1916. The propaganda of Registration began immediately afterwards. Up to the end of May there had been received more than 7,000 applications for membership, about 10 per cent. of which were from nurses whose record of training did not comply with the standards laid down by the Council.

Acting under the powers given them in the Memorandum of Association, a Scottish Board was established in September, 1916, and an Irish Board in February of the present year, and Scottish and Irish representatives nominated by these Boards, and forming together nearly one-third of the total membership of the Council, have strengthened the Central Administration.

In regard to the State Registration of Trained Nurses, it is stated that "the Council has to record with sincere regret that up to the present they have been unable to arrive at an understanding with the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses so as jointly to promote an agreed Bill. At a time when substantial progress seemed to have been made negotiations were broken off by the Central Committee upon grounds which appeared to many to be totally inadequate, the more so as a short Bill confined to essentials and leaving details, although important, to be settled with the Privy Council would, it is believed, have had a good chance of passing through Parliament as a War Measure, even in the present Session. There is, however, still hope that wiser counsels may prevail."

The Report further states a certain amount of propaganda work has been done by holding meetings in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland in support of the College, and refers to the negotiations between the Council of the College and the Royal British Nurses' Association, "a Corporation already possessing a Royal Charter," with a view to amalgamation under the title of the "Royal British College of Nursing." The new Charter was now before the Privy Council, and a Petition against it had been lodged by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. It was probable that a decision would not be long delayed, and should it prove to be favourable, the two bodies would be in a strong position, when, as was incumbent on them under

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