

## THE NIGHTINGALE FUND REPORT, 1918.

The Council of the Nightingale Fund has just issued its Report for 1918, of the Nightingale Fund School at St. Thomas' Hospital, which shows that 54 probationers were remaining in the Home on December 25th, 1918, of whom 22 were paying probationers. Forty-one probationers completed their term of Service and were awarded certificates.

The Report states that the year has been one of strenuous work, carried on under great difficulties, not only caused by war conditions, but by the two epidemics of influenza. Two most promising nurses, Miss Diana M. Edgell and Miss Ellen Wace, succumbed to this disease.

During 1918, the Fund continued to pay to the Joint War Committee the salaries of two Nightingale Nurses employed in the Brigade Hospital at Etaples. Both fortunately escaped injury when the hospital was bombed by German aeroplanes on May 31st, and practically destroyed.

In the course of the year the Committee had to decide upon what terms they would be prepared to accept V.A.D. Nursing Members, and Special Military Probationers of the Imperial Military and Naval Nursing Services, should they desire to become trained nurses. After consultation with the Treasurer, the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, it was decided that any V.A.D.s or Special Military probationers, qualified under the Army Instructions to become Trained Nurses, should be received as pupils, free of payment, on the same terms as those on which Paying Probationers were received. They will thus be received as Special Probationers without payment of the fee of £5 for the preliminary training, or the fee of £30 for the subsequent training, and yet will be entitled, as Special Probationers, to receive their certificates immediately on the completion of their three years' training, and not have to serve the Hospital the fourth year which the ordinary probationer has to serve. Sir Arthur Stanley has thus been able to make an excellent bargain for his V.A.D.s, but it will not be surprising if the ordinary probationers demand similar consideration.

The Committee are now proceeding with their scheme, adopted as far back as 1914, for providing Scholarships for fully trained nurses to enable them to undergo a year's course of instruction in subjects connected with household, domestic, and social science, which has been in abeyance during the war, and are offering tentatively three Scholarships, tenable for one year at King's College for Women, Campden Hill, to assist the holders in qualifying for higher posts in the Nursing Profession. For the year October, 1919-20, the Scholarships will be confined to nurses holding the certificate of the Nightingale School.

The Matron states in her Report to the Council that "Sister Tutor reports that sixty-eight

nurses completed the eight-months' course of Tutorial Classes during the year 1917-1918. Individual interest has been fully evinced with earnest purpose and steady application, but the general progress has been much hampered by epidemic illness, for when the continuity of the progressive series of subjects is disturbed, material is less easily assimilated, and preparation becomes more arduous."

We regret to note that the name of Her Majesty the Queen is invoked as President of the "Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses" to impress upon St. Thomas Nurses the value of the opportunities this insurance society affords to nurses, as "a safe means of providing against sickness, accident, or old age." Her Majesty's name should not be used as a guarantee for business.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa.—Miss T. Davey has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and has been Acting Matron there.

Leigh General Infirmary, Nr. Manchester.—Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Rees has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, and has been Sister of wards, theatre and out-patients' department at the Accident Hospital, Ebbw Vale. Sister of Men's Wards and Theatre at the Carnarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary, Bangor, and also at the West Cumberland Infirmary, Whitehaven.

Miss Lloyd Rees has also held the position of Matron at the Carnarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary, Bangor.

### THEATRE SISTER.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, Yorkshire.—Miss P. M. Cartmell has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has worked as a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps at the L'Hôpital Mixte, Caen, France.

### MATERNITY SISTER.

Charing Cross Hospital.—Miss M. Routledge has been appointed Maternity Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister-Midwife.

### NIGHT SISTER.

Leeds City Fever Hospital.—Miss Charlotte Lambert has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Islington Infirmary, and has been Sister at the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooter's Hill and at the 2nd Western Hospital, Manchester, T.F.N.S.

### LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Public Health Department of the L.C.C. have recommended to the Council that the resignations of Miss A. M. Pugh, Miss G. Jeffery, and Miss L. J. Harris, school nurses in the Public Health Department, be accepted, and that Miss Norah Boniface, Miss Maggie Neal, and Miss Caroline West, at present temporarily employed, be appointed School Nurses as from, and including, October 1st, 1919.

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