

good, sound knowledge, and the work of the nurse in the home was the most effective means of spreading that knowledge in a practical manner. This subject had already been discussed between them, and the Ministry of Health would gladly co-operate in any practical measures that might be devised for dealing with that great necessity.

Colonel Webb thanked the V.A.D.'s on behalf of the Ministry of Pensions, for their proffered help on the same lines as that carried on under the War Office.

Resolutions were passed with a view to placing a well-considered scheme before the Army Council for its consideration.

V.A.D.s OR P.A.D.s.

What the public and the Nursing Profession have a right to know, is whether or not V.A.D.s are to continue to be paid salaries and emoluments as at present, and still claim the misleading title of voluntary workers. Are they to be V.A.D.s or P.A.D.s?

PROBATIONERS IN PYJAMAS.

During the past week some very astonishing evidence has been heard in the Divorce Court. For instance, in the Everitt case, Counsel for the young wife's petition referred to the incident of the petitioner and the pyjamas. He mentioned that a lady, Mrs. W., had a large house in the country, and turned it into a hospital for wounded officers, and read a letter from Mrs. Everitt to her husband explaining the incident. She wrote:

I have always been a loyal and true wife to you, and never allowed any man to take liberties with me, with the exception of Colonel — and Dr. —, when I was at —, when Colonel — gave shooting parties to his men friends. Mrs. W. asked me and the other two probationers to dress up in the husband's pyjamas, let their hair down, and come down after dinner and romp with them. Naturally, we had our clothes on underneath, with the exception of dresses and petticoats. As a married woman, I did not care about doing this before a lot of strange men, and especially as Colonel — and Dr. — were outsiders enough to kiss me publicly before the others; but Mrs. W. insisted, and I liked the nursing and put up with it on that account. I would have told you at the time, but Mrs. W. begged me not to, and when I tried to the other day you refused to listen. I hear now they have been cads enough to let it out, and my name is being bandied about, people naturally saying that if she allowed them to do that in public, what must their private relations have been? I am very much upset about it. I ask you therefore to write to both these so-called gentlemen for an explanation. I rely on you to give them both the thrashing they deserve, since both my honour and theirs are concerned.

This throws a lurid light on the behaviour of some of these untrained women in Society hospitals for officers. Why should a woman who proposed such abominable conduct in a so-called hospital have her name suppressed? We hope she has not been decorated with the R.R.C., or been "mentioned." We wonder!

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Derbyshire Hospital for Sick Children, Derby.—Miss Alice Dight has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, and has been Home Sister and Assistant Matron at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

Horton Infirmary, Banbury.—Miss E. G. Kilburn has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and has been Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, Assistant Home Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen. She has also done active service abroad during the war.

Exall Temporary Sanatorium, near Coventry.—Miss Jean C. Alcock has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and has been Staff Nurse at the Baguley Sanatorium, Manchester, Sister and Sister-in-Charge at Kimlesworth Sanatorium, Yorkshire, Matron of the Tuberculosis Dispensary, Hinckley, and Matron of the Mowsley Sanatorium, Leicestershire.

Birr Fever Hospital, Ireland.—Miss M. J. Dooly has been appointed Nurse and Matron in succession to Miss O'Mahoney who has resigned.

MATRONS HOUSEKEEPER.

Royal Victoria Eye Infirmary, Paisley.—Miss Mary K. Kimmond has been appointed Matron-Housekeeper. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, and has been Night Superintendent at Friedenheim Hospital, and Sister-in-Charge of Hillside Sanatorium, Perth.

SISTERS.

Exall Temporary Sanatorium, near Coventry.—Miss Margaret Murray has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Sunderland Eye Infirmary, and the Blackburn Fever Hospital, and has been Sister and Deputy Matron at the Rothwell Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium near Leeds, Night Sister at Penmore Hospital, Chesterfield, and Sister of the Tuberculosis Block for Advanced Cases of Phthisis (Male), Penmore Hospital, Chesterfield.

BRITISH NURSES IN NORWAY.

Thanks to the kindly hospitality of Surgeon-General Daae and other prominent Norwegians, says *The Times*, about a hundred British nurses, members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and the Territorial Force Nursing Service, have recently enjoyed a holiday in Norway.

The sisters went in parties of ten, and were entertained by the Norwegian Committee throughout their month's stay. They speak most highly of the warm welcome which was given them wherever they went, and bear tribute to the good work in the establishing of closer relations between the two countries which the happy idea which prompted and carried out this series of visits has accomplished. One of the sisters in an account of her visit writes:—

The culmination was reached in an invitation to go to the country residence of the King and Queen of Norway, where we were received with truly royal graciousness and kindness and entertained at tea—presided over by our Queen Maud herself.

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