

she had anything to ventilate she must take a hall, and not go into the streets.

At the annual meeting of the Hampshire County Nursing Association, held recently at Wolvesey, Winchester, Lady Selbourne hoped a way might be found of co-operating with the Red Cross, who had shown a great disposition to see if some way could not be found. The work of experienced Red Cross workers would be valuable, especially in epidemics, which occasionally came down on the villages.

Miss Montgomery, Matron of the Winchester College Sanatorium, and the first V.A.D. Commandant at Winchester, dealt with Lady Selbourne's suggestion, and said it seemed to her possible that V.A.D.'s who were recommended by their Commandants as dependable workers, perhaps with two years' experience, should send in their names to the County Superintendent, stating that they were willing to be called to work for periods of one, two, or three months between certain dates. She felt that in these days all such work should be paid, and it would then be open for those who liked to give their services to make a return to the Association in the form of a donation. All work should be paid for at its right value.

This suggestion appears economically very unsound. Why should persons be paid for competing with district nurses, so that money they need to support them should be handed over by women of independent means, in support of County Nursing Associations? It is a pity trained Matrons do not realise how unfair such competition is to the self-supporting nurse.

The Sub-Committee on Nurses' Qualifications and Salaries of the Educational Authority of Glasgow recommended at a recent meeting that the following scale of salaries be adopted, and that it take effect as from May 16th last:—Minimum, £130; annual increment, £10; maximum, £200—with "placing" on the basis of this scale, *i.e.*, the "placing" to be based on a minimum salary of £130, with £10 added for each year of approved service in school work up to the maximum of £200—the new salary to be inclusive of war bonus and laundry allowances.

After discussion, on a division the sub-committee's recommendations were carried by a large majority.

A Scottish nurse writes:—"So far as I am aware this is the highest scale of salaries which has been conceded for municipal nurses in Scotland, and is the result of a long struggle on the part of the nurses themselves for better conditions."

ARMY NURSING NOTES.

The Prince of Wales decorated several American Nurses with the Royal Red Cross during his visit to the States. Needless to say, His Royal Highness delighted Americans generally by his unaffected charm.

WAR NURSES' MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE.

The following ladies now form the Committee of the War Nurses' Memorial Fund recently inaugurated:—Chairman, Miss Beadsmore-Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Dame Ethel Becher, G.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Maud McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C.; Dame Sidney Browne, G.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, T.F.N.S.; Miss Cox Davies, R.R.C., Principal Matron, T.F.N.S.; Miss Steen, R.R.C., Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Miss Palin, M.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, T.F.N.S.; Miss G. Galloway, A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Res.; Miss H. M. L. Cox, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

HELP FOR NURSES DISABLED THROUGH WAR SERVICE.

A nurse who has been discharged or demobilised from any of the Services, and is in receipt of Retired Pay, or gratuity in lieu of Retired Pay, for a disability due to or aggravated by war service is entitled to assistance from the Ministry of Pensions, and any nurse who is suffering from a disability which she believes to be due to or aggravated by war service, but for which she is not in receipt of Retired Pay, or gratuity in lieu thereof, is entitled to have her claim to Retired Pay and medical treatment considered. There appears to be some doubt as to the proper authority to approach in seeking for assistance, and nurses should, in all cases communicate in writing with the Secretary, M.S.2. (Officers), Ministry of Pensions, 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Nurses are advised to obtain medical evidence of the present condition of their disability and, when possible, some evidence of its causation or aggravation by service where this has not been established. These documents should be forwarded with the nurse's application.

Should a nurse merely require advice on a question of Retired Pay or medical treatment, she is recommended to apply to the Officers' Friend, Ministry of Pensions, Westminster House, Millbank, S.W.1.

GRATITUDE OF CANADIAN NURSES.

This week, says *The Canadian Gazette*, has seen the last of the Canadian nursing sisters return to Canada, with the exception of some ten who are detailed for duty in connection with the transportation to Canada of soldiers' dependents. Before they left they did some very graceful acts worthy of the warm hearts of Canadian women. They raised a fund among themselves to be devoted to various purposes. To begin with, they subscribed £5 to the Q.A.I.M.N.S. and Territorial

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