

SHORTER HOURS IN HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOOLS ADVOCATED.

The Educational Committee of the National League for Nursing Education, U.S.A., has recently issued two bulletins on the subject of "Shorter Hours in Hospital Schools of Nursing." In Bulletin Number 1, the case for shorter hours is presented under the following sub-topics:—

1. Why student nurses should have shorter hours—a summary of the main arguments.
2. How this question affects public health and welfare.
3. The long hours in hospital training schools are mainly responsible for keeping down the supply of good nursing recruits.
4. What are the present conditions of work in the average hospital training school?
5. What evidences exist to show that these conditions injure the health, or reduce the efficiency of the pupil nurse?
6. How have these conditions come about, and why have they continued to the present day?
7. Long hours in hospital training schools are not necessary. The eight-hour day has been fully tried out, and found to be as workable and more satisfactory than the old system.
8. The general movement for protecting the health and increasing the efficiency of workers is based on sound physiological and economic principles.
9. What are the common objections to the eight-hour day in hospitals, and how can they be met?

10. Conclusion.

Bulletin No. 2 is entitled "Suggestions for Establishing the Eight-hour Day in Nursing Schools." The sub-topics are:—

1. The problem.
2. Number of additional nurses required.
3. How to provide for more nurses.
4. The difficulty of housing more nurses.
5. The use of graduate nurses.
6. The use of ward helpers or attendants.
7. The use of labor-saving methods.
8. Getting the plan started.
9. Suggested schedules of hours.
10. Suggested schedules providing for a forty-eight-hour week.
11. What superintendents of nurses say about the eight-hour system.
12. Recent articles on the organization of the eight-hour day in hospitals.

Both of these bulletins contain information that is invaluable just now, when nursing schools are passing through a critical period of adjustment.

Copies may be secured from the Secretary of the Committee, Miss I. M. Stewart, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City. Single copies of Bulletin No. 1, 20 cents; single copies of Bulletin No. 2, 10 cents. A reduction in price will be made for quantities of 100 or over.

IS RED CROSS MONEY TO BUILD COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.?

The sixth annual report of the Executive Committee of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust was submitted at their annual meeting on the 25th ult. at Dunfermline.

The Trust's programme in connection with the physical welfare of mothers and children includes, the report states, the establishment of two central institutes, one in London and one in Edinburgh, and six welfare centres, one in each of the following places:—Birmingham, Liverpool, Shoreditch, Rhondda, Motherwell, and Dublin. Progress has been made with the preliminary arrangements for the Central Institute in London. Through the efforts of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the British Red Cross Society, a Central Council of Infant and Child Welfare has been constituted, on which are represented eleven of the principal welfare societies in London. To this council the Trust has promised a grant of £40,000 for the erection or purchase of a building to form an institute, the functions of which were set out in the Trust's fourth annual report. Since the Trust's offer was made to the council, the Red Cross Society have proposed to erect or purchase a very large building which would house the following activities:—(a) V.A.D. and Red Cross work; (b) a tuberculosis centre; (c) a college of nursing; (d) the central welfare work, for which the Trust's grant would be available. The executive committee have agreed to this proposal on condition that a distinct wing is provided for the purposes of the Central Institute.

We have asked Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee of the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John, if the College of Nursing, Ltd., is to be erected with money collected from the public for the Sick and Wounded?

WAR DISABLED NURSES.

NEW GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES.

The Special Grants Committee of the Ministry of Pensions have framed new regulations under which certain grants and allowances may be made in special cases of war disabled nurses and their dependents. These regulations, which take effect forthwith, apply to members of the Royal Naval Nursing Service and Reserve, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service, the Army Nursing Service, the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and any other Nursing Service or Reserve which is admissible under the Royal Warrant.

A supplementary or special allowance may be granted to a nurse where, in consequence of serious disablement arising from service during the war she is unable to maintain herself in her pre-war standard of comfort, but the supplementary or special allowance, together with any State pension which may be awarded, shall not exceed £90 a year. In exceptional cases grants may be

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