

Temperance, League of Nations. These subjects were briefly discussed, and instructions given to Miss Marsters, who was present.

At the request of the National Political League an emergency resolution protesting against the impending coal strike, was moved; it was not seconded, and no action was taken.

It was proposed and seconded, and carried that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health requesting him to be good enough to reconsider the question of admitting representative trained nurses upon the Consultative Advisory Council of the Medical and Allied Services, as the profession is not represented on it, and two vacancies had now occurred.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried with acclamation for Miss Winmill, and she was asked to convey to the Board the warm appreciation of the Matrons' Council for its courtesy in permitting it to hold its meeting at Carshalton. At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, a most dainty tea was provided for the guests who, seated at small tables in a beautiful floral setting, in a wide corridor, and in the probationers' charming sitting room, did ample justice to the generous hospitality most kindly served by the sisters, nurses, and maids.

We were afterwards conducted over some of the wards. The hospital, which well deserves to be called "The Sick Children's Paradise," is planned on the lines of a Garden City. The numerous blocks of buildings are connected by a system of "streets," one Superintending Sister being in charge of a "street." These streets are bordered by a wealth of beautiful flowering shrubs; the whole forming a most picturesque colony. The object of the authorities of the M.A.B. is obviously to make the lives of these afflicted children as happy and comfortable as circumstances will allow. The nurses are apparently also well considered. The Home Sister who took some of us round, told us, "Matron gives us many comforts, more in fact, than she takes herself." The American plan of providing a bedroom, sitting-room and bath-room connected, for the Superintending Sister, obtains here. A 50 hours per week system is also in force; this works out, we are told, by granting one full day and one half day's rest per week, not an eight-hour day system, and a month's holiday is allowed. Under such ideal conditions of work (and also of pay we hear) the nurses ought to be, and no doubt are happy at Carshalton.

We cannot close without some reference to the Show Room (for want of a better word) of beautifully-made corrective jackets and caps. A special department, presided over by a Sister who appears to combine the art of nursing with the understanding of the sculptor and the mechanic. She was good enough to show us the various stages through which the jacket passes, till it evolves into the finished article, constructed of non-inflammable celluloid, which replaces the old poroplastic article.

The massage department—also under an expert Sister—aroused our admiration. Here little patients receive the very latest treatment which electricity and the human hand can supply. We were informed that Sisters' pupils almost invariably ranked high in the I.S.T.M. examinations.

Of the many marvellous appliances and treatments—due to the inventive genius of the Medical Superintendent, Dr. William T. Gordon Pugh—which contribute to the cures and alleviation of suffering amongst the afflicted children at Queen Mary's Hospital the half cannot be told.

Time did not permit of our seeing more than a small portion of this ideal Children's Hospital; but no time or trouble was spared by our kind hostess and her nurses in showing us as much as was possible, and what we saw was in beautiful order, and the greatest credit to the nursing and domestic staffs. The hospital contains 750 beds, surrounded by 135 acres of ground.

ANNIE E. HULME,
Hon. Secretary.

RANK FOR SERVICE NURSES.

Much interest is being aroused in the question of Rank for Nurses amongst intelligent war workers, and support has been given to the principle in the *Times Woman's Supplement*, a very magnificent fortnightly publication which many nurses may not see. Of course, the commercial nursing Press fails to realise the professional significance of the demand. It would. That, however, is neither here nor there.

Relative military rank accorded to the regular Canadian and American Army Nursing Services will naturally be the objective of our own Service Nurses, and in this connection the American campaign just crowned with victory is immensely interesting and instructive. In the following letter, a reprint from the *Victory Bulletin*, from Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley, the eminent woman advocate who acted as Counsel for the "National Committee to Secure Military Rank for Army Nurses"—according to Miss Dock "one of the most captivating and clever of women"—we see the wheels go round.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE MILITARY RANK FOR ARMY NURSES.

DEAR FELLOW-WORKER FOR RANK,—

Here at last is the *Victory Bulletin* for which you have watched. It has been held till now partly because immediately upon the passage of our Bill I was obliged to give almost entire attention to another matter to which I was pledged, and partly because I wished if possible to include in it announcement as to the regulations, which the new law required to set forth the rights and privileges conferred by Relative Rank and by which the War Department was to administer the law.

These regulations have fortunately just come through and it is now possible for me to send you the glad tidings that Rank for Nurses has this last week been brought to a completely successful conclusion. Not only has our Bill been passed intact, but the

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