

should from time to time have rest and change. It was with the object of providing these that Colonel White left practically the whole of his fortune to the Royal Infirmary. In the first instance the estate is bequeathed to his widow—there are also bequests to relatives and others—and at her death it will be utilised for the purpose mentioned.

The Board have recently spent £5,000 in building another storey to the Nurses' Home, to enable more nurses to be employed, and give the whole staff more leisure.

A reader sends us the following little story :

A fully trained nurse with all the experience necessary for Public Health work recently took over a district previously worked by a graduate with a smattering of nursing. Visiting a house for the first time, she nearly fell over the "toddler"; and stooping, saw his head enshrouded in home-made and much dishevelled bandages. Ignoring the new baby she enquired into the case of "toddler," whilst deftly unwinding the bandage; as the dressing proceeded without a murmur the mother frankly expressed her astonishment—she had expected the yells which answered the neighbour's ministrations. Returning next day the H.V. asked: "Well, did you take Johnnie up to the hospital?" "Oh yes, and good thing too; the Sister said it was a nasty knock, and should have been seen to long ago, and the Doctor, he used the probe just as you said he would. He asked me how the H.V. knew it required a probe, and of course, miss, I explained as how you wern't 'a lady' but a real nurse!"

We are very pleased to learn that the Sale to augment the funds of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, initiated by the nurse members themselves, was a great success. Everyone worked splendidly, so it deserved to be. There was a fine display of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes and sweets. £320 is to hand, with more to follow. The Marchioness of Ailsa presided, and among those present were Lady Dunlop, Mrs. Pollock, Ayr; Dr. J. M'Gregor Robertson, conveners of committees, and Miss M. R. Stewart, secretary. Telegrams were received from Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) and Princess Christian, President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, wishing every success to the undertaking. The Marchioness of Ailsa, in declaring the sale open, said the day's enterprise was initiated by the nurses, and was organised by themselves. The response had been wonderful, and she commended the objects of the sale to those present.

V.A.D.'s AND THE TRAINED NURSES' REGISTER.

We gather, from letters received, that the unanimous decision of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, at its last meeting, that V.A.D.'s are not eligible for the Trained Nurses' Register, has given unqualified satisfaction throughout the Nursing Profession.

The decision was elicited after the consideration of a letter from the Central Joint V.A.D. Committee, upon which, of course, there is not one trained nurse, inviting a ruling on this matter.

As the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley is the Chairman of this Committee, it will be interesting to learn what action will be taken by the Centres of the College of Nursing, Ltd., of which he is also Chairman, to show their disapproval of the suggestion to place V.A.D.'s on the Trained Nurses' Register, and to express their approval of the action of the General Nursing Council.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL AND THE NURSING TIMES.

A GRAVE BREACH OF JOURNALISTIC HONOUR.

In reporting the Proceedings of the Meeting of the General Nursing Council of September 23rd, we announced that as the Draft Rules for the admission of Existing and Intermediate Nurses to the Register, and for the conduct of the Council's Business, had still to receive the consideration and sanction of the Minister of Health, they were *sub judice*, and were not to be commented upon. This honourable agreement was, of course, strictly adhered to by the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and we are glad to note, by the *Nursing Mirror* and *The Hospital*.

It is not surprising, therefore, that members of the Council resent the grave breach of journalistic honour by the *Nursing Times*, the reporter of which was specially warned by the Registrar and a member of the Council that nothing was to appear in print in comment on the Rules, when it was found that that journal had devoted upwards of three columns to publishing and commenting, *in extenso*, on business which it was informed was *sub judice*. The Council, we learn, was by no means unanimous concerning the admission of the press to its debates, and it is probable that the inexcusable conduct of the *Nursing Times* will compel the Council to reconsider the terms upon which the press will be admitted to its meetings.

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