

### GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

Several interesting events have recently taken place in connection with the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, and the various sections are to be congratulated on their activities. On October 4th, a Lantern Lecture, "With Allenby through Palestine, with a Watch-pocket Carbine," illustrated by numerous slides lent by Messrs. W. Butcher & Sons, Ltd., was greatly enjoyed.

On October 6th, the Final of the "Fagge Lawn Tennis Cup Singles," between Nurse Winifred Johnson and Nurse Sylvia Vian played in the grounds of the Nurses' Recreation Cottage at Honor Oak Park attracted a number of keenly interested visitors—Sisters, Nurses and others. The well-fought match ended in favour of Nurse Johnson with sets 6-1 and 6-4.

Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., speaking from the verandah, said there had been over 100 entries, and, owing to bad weather and the holidays, the Cup Ties, begun in the spring, had taken the whole summer to play off. She thanked Mrs. Fagge, on behalf of the Nursing Staff, for her interest in the Tennis Section of the League, and urged the members to take even greater interest in the opportunities of social intercourse afforded by the various sections.

Mrs. Fagge then presented the Cup to Nurse Johnson, who also received Mrs. Mollison's prize of two guineas; and Nurse Vian a consolation prize of half-a-guinea.

On the evening of the same day a very successful Swimming Gala, arranged by the Swimming Club of the League, took place at the hospital. The demonstrations were of a very high standard and were greatly enjoyed. The prettiest race was the Candle Race, held in the darkness, and won by Nurse Dudfield, who swam two lengths of the bath with her candle unextinguished.

The prizes, which were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Trethowan, and were the gifts of the Matron, an anonymous friend, and herself, were awarded as follows: (1) Flat Race (Nurses): 1st, Nurse R. Fitchett; 2nd, Nurse Dudfield. (2) Flat Race (Sisters): Sister E. M. Pickard. (3) Surface Diving: Nurse Dudfield. (4) Uniform Race: 1st, Nurse Potter; 2nd, Nurse Dudfield. (5) Diving: Nurse R. Fitchett. (6) Fancy Dress, Nurse Leggatt; Dress Prize, Nurse Courtenay. (7) Candle Race: 1st, Nurse Dudfield; 2nd, Nurse Cornwall.

### REGISTRATION IN IRELAND.

We hear that the Irish Nursing Board—which did so much before the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts to associate Irish nurses for professional purposes, will now wind up its organisation. This is right. The General Nursing Council for Ireland—set up in the Act, is now the statutory body entrusted by Parliament to organise nursing education and register nurses; and it is only confusing nurses for voluntary bodies, useful as they have been in the past, to attempt in any way to compete with the State Council.

### IRISH NURSES AND THE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT BILL.

Irish Nurses are determined not to be excluded from the benefits of the Hours of Employment Bill, and in order to focus opinion on the Forty-eight Hour Week for Nurses, a meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Irish Nurses' Union in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, on October 29th, at 4.30 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all those interested in the improvement of nurses' present working conditions will attend. Speakers will include Dr. Hennessy, British Medical Association; Miss Bennett, Secretary of the Irish Women Workers' Union; and Mrs. Mortished, Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union.

### TEMPORARY NURSES FOR INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India makes the following announcement:—

Nurses are required immediately for temporary service in the grade of Staff Nurse, with British troops in India. Applicants should be fully trained nurses between the ages of 27 and 35. Midwifery qualifications are required, and the contract will include liability to serve in hospitals where the families of European troops receive treatment.

Pay will be at the rate of Rs.250 per mensem. Engagement will be for six months, extensible at the option of the Government of India to one year. Selected candidates (if below the age of 32 on appointment) may be considered on termination of contract for such vacancies in the permanent service as may then exist.

No gratuity is payable on completion of service, but free passage both ways is given. Outfit allowance of £20 (or £25 in the case of those who have not previously served with a Military Nursing Service) will be granted. Free quarters, fuel, light, and punkah pullers are allowed in addition to pay.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Military Department, India Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, and be clearly marked "Temporary Nurses" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. Original certificates and testimonials should not be sent.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind has been granted £30,000 by the United Services Fund.

The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary has received a munificent bequest, which will amount to about £700,000. The bequest was made by the late Mr. David Ainslie, of Costerton, but the money was to accumulate for 15 years. The gift is to be used for providing convalescent homes, and already several large houses with extensive grounds have been acquired.

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