

We are glad to learn from Mr. Webb Johnson, the Governor of the Middlesex Hospital, who was reported to have said at the recent Court of Governors that "all the nurses should reside outside, either in hostels or in their own homes" to make room for wealthy patients, that he was referring to accommodation which is in the immediate vicinity of the Operating Theatre, X-Ray, and other special Departments, and certainly never contemplated removing the nurses from the comfortable new Nurses' Home. We quite agree with Mr. Webb Johnson that apartments for nurses scattered about inside a hospital "can hardly be described as being ideally situated for the housing of nurses." In these days the nurses attached to hospitals should be provided with Homes on a collegiate basis, so that their theoretical education can be facilitated; living at home is far from ideal—it undermines the necessary discipline so important in a system of efficient training.

At a public meeting held at Southborough under the auspices of the Queen's Nurses' Association, Dr. Payne read extracts from a paper dealing with the surplus monies of the Friendly Societies, which could be handed over for medical, dentistry or other purposes. No mention, however, was made of the nurses, and it was resolved to send a notice to Dr. Addison, the Minister of Health, and Sir Walter Kinnear, the Controller of National Insurance, to the effect that, "At a public meeting held at Southborough, it was resolved to ask the Commissioners of the Insurance Act to draft regulations and enable payments to be made to Friendly Societies towards the cost of nursing insured persons."

Mrs. G. E. Hilton made her first public pronouncement as Lady Mayoress of Leicester, when she opened a new wing to the Leicester District Nursing Institute, New Walk.

The association, she said, had always appealed to her sympathies, and she had noticed that for many years there had been a gradual growth in its usefulness. She had at all times been deeply impressed with the devotion to duty displayed by the nurses, who were worthy of every attention, and it was only fair to them that they should have good, healthy, bright rooms and every comfort that it was possible for them to have. The additional wing was for that purpose.

A scheme which is assured of public interest and sympathy is that now afoot to establish a Glasgow and West of Scotland

Home for aged and retired nurses. In Edinburgh a Home on the lines proposed has been in existence for five years, and has proved of benefit to nurses grown old in faithful service or broken down in health. The inmates contribute to their own maintenance, and in spite of war-time difficulties the Home is practically self-supporting.

A sum of about £12,000 will be needed to provide a similar institution in Glasgow. Support has been promised by many well-known people.

A sale of work, sweets, flowers, fruit and produce in support of funds will be held in the Royal Infirmary on the afternoon of Saturday, December 4th, and will be opened by Lady Blythswood. Donations in kind for the stalls will be gratefully received by Miss Melrose, the matron.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses states that during the year 30 new nurses were elected, and 33 had resigned, leaving on the roll on September 30, 149 nurses. The cases attended numbered 1,949, and the amount earned by the nurses was £14,794, bringing the totals since the Co-operation was established in 1894 up to 40,878 cases and £271,666 in earnings. Notwithstanding extra payments this year, the revenue was sufficient for all purposes. The income amounted to £1,982 and the expenditure to £1,719. The assets of the Co-operation (including the assets of the sick and benevolent funds) amount to £13,491, and after providing for outstanding accounts, there is at the credit of the general funds £3,783, sick fund, £5,131, and benevolent fund £4,307.

As we go to press we have received a long communication from Dr. E. Coey Bigger, the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Ireland, taking exception to our remarks in last week's Editorial. Limited space prevents our inserting it this week, but as we are always in favour of free discussion, the letter will be inserted in our next issue.

In conjunction with the Russian Red Cross, Lady Muriel Paget's Mission has arranged for the training at King's College for Women, London, of a Russian lady, who will qualify as a nurse and welfare worker for service in her own country. The candidate, a Miss Hiriakoff, has already seen service on the Russian front, in France, and with the American Red Cross in Siberia.

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