

EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The Secretary of the Irish Nurses' Union states in the Press, in advocating an eight-hours' day for nurses, that the shortage of nurses is so serious that an English Matron has asked her to help her in securing 70 probationers, so that the eight-hours' scheme can be put into practice, and she adds: "The hospitals must find means to meet an increase in the cost of nursing just as they have to meet increases in the cost of drugs, clothes, food supplies, and so on. If they can only carry on at the expense of sweating their staff in a way no other body of workers would consent to be sweated, then the system is radically unsound, and the Corporation will be doing a public service if by attaching conditions to its grants it brings matters to a climax, and forces the deplorable condition of hospital finance upon the public attention."

THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES, 1917—1920.

WE CALL FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND THE BALANCE SHEET.

The *Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* which have between them been running the mis-named Nation's Fund for Nurses since October, 1917, to date, would be wise to urge upon the Committees who received thousands of pounds, through the medium of their publications, to conform at once to the War Charities Act, and present for public consideration the audited accounts and balance sheets of the Fund.

The money has been raised in the name of the Nation's Nurses, and the Nation's Nurses have a right to know how it has been expended.

The fund is a war charity, raised under the Registration Authority of the London County Council, War Charities Act, 1916, and it is a matter for surprise that the L.C.C. has not made available the audited accounts of this fund, as it has done in analogous cases.

We call upon the *Times*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the London County Council to compel Viscountess Cowdray and Miss Dora Fellowes-Robinson as the joint Hon. Treasurers of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, to issue without delay, detailed audited accounts and balance sheets of every penny subscribed by the charitable public to this Fund. What has been done with it? We intend to call for these accounts until we get them.

WE DEMAND THE TRUTH.

Miss C. May Beeman, who has been helping to run the "Shilling Fund for Nurses" started by the *Daily Telegraph*, writes on the 7th inst. to the editor of the *Leicester Mail*, whose readers have contributed £570 5s. 1d. in response to the now notorious appeal:

"I should like to thank you most sincerely, on behalf of the nurses, for your more than generous help to our fund. I am sure those who so generously subscribed would be gratified if

they could know of all the hard cases" (including that of the elusive "Juliet," we presume) "that are now being helped by the 'Nation's Fund for Nurses.'"

Macmillan's nurses' paper, July 10th, states: "Many aged nurses, whose prospects are decidedly gloomy, unfortunately no longer enjoy the help of the 'Nation's Fund,' the limited money at its command being required for temporarily assisting ex-Service nurses."

Once again we demand the audited accounts of this Charity—how much the public subscribed, how has the money been spent, and by whom?

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Municipal Maternity Home, Reading.—Miss G. L. Burnett has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City of Westminster Infirmary, Fulham Road, where she subsequently held the positions of Ward Sister and Maternity Sister.

Teddington and Hampton Wick Cottage Hospital.—Miss Elsie E. Bewsey, A.R.R.C., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and has been Night Sister, Theatre Sister, and Children's Sister at Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth, and Sister at the Cottage Hospital, Englefield Green. She served for four years during the war as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service Reserve.

Phthical Sanatorium, Maiden Law, near Lanchester.—Miss Kathleen Madge Nelson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, Birmingham, and the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has had experience in private nursing, and as Health Visitor at Newcastle.

MESSAGE SISTER.

Edmonton Military Hospital, N.—Miss Martha Spooner has been appointed Massage Sister. She was trained at the West Bromwich Infirmary, and has been ward, theatre, and massage Sister at Fulham Infirmary, night Sister at Kingston Infirmary, second assistant Matron at City of Westminster Infirmary, and Sister in Serbian Military Hospitals, Salonica and Belgrade.

INFANT WELFARE WORKER.

Borough of Richmond (Surrey).—Miss Florence M. Fryar has been appointed Infant Welfare Worker. She was trained at the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, and has held various health appointments. She holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and is a certified Midwife.

METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

NURSING STAFF EXAMINATION.

At the examination of nurses held at the fever hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board in April last, 59 candidates presented themselves, of whom 13 were trained nurses, 18 probationers, and 28 assistant nurses (class II). Of these, 10 trained nurses, 15 probationers, and 21 assistant nurses passed the examiners.

The Medallists were as follows:—*Gold Medal*, Miss S. Flynn, Park Hospital, 558 marks (out of a possible 600); *Silver Medal*, Miss M. Hartnett, North Eastern Hospital, 513 marks; *Bronze Medal*, Miss L. Linton, Park Hospital, 511 marks. Thus the Gold Medallist obtained 93 per cent. of full marks. A very high average.

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