

They are organising frankly on labour-union lines, and are seeking the protection of trade union acts and labour legislation. This, so disquieting to the conventional and exclusive minded, seems to others really to point to an enlarged and nobler conception of all work and the place in the world of all workers."

After reading the papers by Miss McAra and Mr. Minet, our readers will be able to estimate to which view they give their allegiance.

St. Marylebone Infirmary Visiting Committee have invited guests to visit the Infirmary from 3 to 6 and to tea, on Thursday, December 30th. This is one of our finest Metropolitan infirmaries, and no doubt the Committee and the staff are proud of its arrangements and of the high reputation of its Nursing School.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women makes an urgent appeal for funds to build a home for its nurses and servants. At the present moment the staff have to be housed in the Hospital. This reduces by half the accommodation for the patients, and prevents some 700 patients annually from receiving the treatment they so greatly need. A sum of £9,000 is in hand; £19,000 more is required. A Dinner will be held early in May for the purpose of raising funds, at which the President of the Hospital, the Marquess of Londonderry, K.G., M.V.O., and his sister, the Countess of Ilchester, President of the Ladies Committee, will jointly preside.

Alderman F. G. L. Davis is championing the nurses in the employ of the Cardiff Corporation, and intends the City Council to consider his recommendation. At present the nurses, of which some are under the aegis of the Health Committee and some under the Education Committee, receive annual increments of £5 up to a maximum of £200 for Grade I, £190 for Grade II, £180 for Grade III, and £170 for Grade IV. Alderman Davis considers they should receive a £10 increment per year, and that the maxima for the four grades should be £240, £230, £220, and £210, with an equivalent increase for superintendent nurses.

At the beginning of March the committee of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, issued an appeal to raise the sum of £12,000 to provide the capital cost of much-needed additional accommodation for the nursing staff. It is with gratification that the committee is now able to announce to contributors that this extension is complete, so that the con-

ditions of service of the nurses will receive that amelioration which was so imperatively necessary.

By a generous gift of £1,000 just received, the amount subscribed now amounts to £11,000, leaving a sum of only £1,000 still to be raised. The committee feels confident that the Liverpool public will readily subscribe this small balance for so worthy an object in order that the already overburdened finances of the hospital may not further suffer by having to provide this capital expenditure, at a time when it is so difficult to cope with the large additional cost of maintenance.

A Party will be held in the Out-Patient Department on Friday, December 31st, from 7.30 p.m. to 12 o'clock. Any old "Royal Southern" nurses will be most welcome. If they intend to be present, will they kindly let Miss Bagnall (Matron) know?

Old nurse friends will be pleased to hear that Miss Mollett has safely arrived at Iquique, in Chile. She sends a post-card with picture of the Hospital de Beneficencia in that city, and writes: "Everyone most kind. No trouble—a great many English here." We have no doubt Miss Mollett will make herself quite at home and happy in her new surroundings, and shall look forward to news from her graphic pen, which she has permitted of late years to lie *perdu*, greatly to the loss of the nursing profession.

We note in an obituary of the late Lady de Ramsey it is written: "Lady de Ramsey had a famous set of Pekingese and Japanese spaniels, the proceeds of the sale of the puppies helping to maintain a village nurse on the Norfolk estate"! We wonder what salary and emoluments these foreign bow-wows considered adequate for the upkeep of their "nurse," and how her daily menu compared with their own!

It is impossible to estimate the far-reaching consequences which will be effected by the plan made by the American Committee for Devastated France to send Mlle. Monod and Dubreuhl, two of the Bordeaux nurses working with them, "who speak English and have shown marked administrative ability, to America for a four months' post-graduate university course in nursing and health, to be followed by from two and four months of travel, visiting public health nursing centres, and leading hospital training schools." With the

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