

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

Members of the International Council of Nurses will be pleased to hear good news of M. André Mesureur, the Sous-Directeur of the Administration Générale de l'Assistance Publique à Paris, as we can never forget the extreme kindness and courtesy with which both he and his father, the Directeur, received the Council in 1907.

M. André Mesureur has a most patriotic record during the war, and we are indeed delighted to hear that he came safely through all its vicissitudes, and is again in Paris head of the Assistance Publique Staff, with 23,000 persons, including doctors and nurses, under his amiable direction.

We hear from M. André "I was one of those who resolved to apply the eight-hours' system to nursing, and as it is now it gives satisfaction to the staff, ensuring to them the necessary hygiene, whilst the patients receive the same care and attention as formerly, awaiting the improvements we are preparing, thanks to our School of Nurses at the Salpêtrière. Unfortunately we are unable to cope with the demand for nurses; it has been necessary to found 2,500 new berths, of which 1,000 are for nurses, whereas the school can only supply from sixty to seventy-five certificated nurses a year. But I have applied to the military nurses, and have found among the latter well instructed and ladylike women.

"I am thinking about sending my pupils to London. I intend to try and resume, in the near future, this custom, for which I care a great deal. . . . I will not broach the subject of the splendid work accomplished by British women in France, it is too well known, and everyone renders them homage.

"As soon as I recommenced my work I started reading THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING regularly every week, with the greatest interest."

A compliment greatly appreciated by the editors, both of whom are deeply interested in the progress of nursing in France.

DEMobilISATION OF WAR NURSES.

The Army Council has given instructions that members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve and the T.F.N.S., V.A.D. nursing members, and special military probationers, who are permanently unfit for further service by reason of disability, whether due to military service or not, will be demobilised forthwith. Those temporarily unfit by reason of disability caused by military service will be demobilised as soon as they complete twelve months' absence from duty on account of medical unfitness, or cease to require indoor hospital treatment, whichever happens first.

NURSING ECONOMICS.

The Hospital Boards in the Dominion of New Zealand have been notified that the Department of Public Health and Hospitals proposes, before next Session, to discuss among other matters a colonial scale of salaries and a superannuation scheme for probationers, nurses, and Matrons, so as to place the nursing staffs of hospitals on a better footing. The Department has prepared the following scale of salaries and circularised the Hospital Boards, many of which had requested a scheme to be suggested for their guidance:—

SUGGESTED SCALE OF SALARIES FOR NURSING STAFFS OF HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Daily Average of Occupied Beds.

	300 to 500	150 to 300	60 to 150	60 and under
Matron	250 to 350	200 to 250	175 to 225	150 to 200
Sub-Matron	150 to 200	130 to 150	110 to 140	
Night Charge Sister	125 to 175	120 to 140	110 to 120	
Home Sister	125 to 175	120 to 140	110 to 120	
Theatre Sister	125 to 175	120 to 140	110 to 120	
Sister of Special Department	120 to 150			
Ward Sister	100 to 120			
Registered Staff Nurses	75 to 90	75 to 90		
Probationers: 1st year	25	25	25	25
2nd year	35	35	35	35
3rd year	45	45	45	45
Sub-Matron outside Institutions	150 to 200	150 to 200		
District Nurses	*180 to 250			
Registered general—midwifery				
District Midwives	*170 to 230			
Assistants (unqualified)	*80 to 100			

* Cottage or rooms provided, but living expenses met out of salary.

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