

Hospital, Possill Road, Glasgow, on Saturday, 19th ult. Generous contributions were sent from nurses in the city hospitals, and the stalls had attractive displays of useful wares. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mrs. David M'Cowan, convener of the committee for the Memorial Home. Lady Stirling-Maxwell presided. Mrs. M'Cowan, in declaring the sale open, explained that while they were asking for the large sum of £25,000, it was absolutely necessary that they should obtain that amount in order to put the home on a sound financial basis. Three sales had taken place at the Royal, Western and Greenock Infirmarys, and a sum of £4,000 had been realised. Sir John Lindsay, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. M'Cowan, said that whatever she took in hand she carried to success.

We are looking forward to the time when trained nurses, like other professional women, will receive just remuneration for their work, and when they will not be compelled by poverty to retire, when old, into charitable institutions, however kindly meant. But trained nurses, as a class, have evidently a steep hill to climb to where the gay flowers of independence are all a-growing and a-blowing.

At the Annual Meeting of the Stonehaven Nursing Association the treasurer reported a balance in hand of £256 os. 11d., and later, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was agreed to increase the nurse's salary from 25s. to 30s. a week! No wonder there is a baillance, if even the latter sum is considered a living wage for a nurse, whose hours of work, we learn, are unlimited—the number of visits paid by her amounting to 1,863, or at the rate of about forty a week, or 9d. a visit!

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received £100 from Mr. T. G. Sorby and £25 from Lady Northcote, towards the building of its greatly needed Nurses' Home.

A nurse at Birmingham has, according to the press, thrown out the suggestion that, providing they are in uniform, nurses should be given preference, when a queue confronts them, at their favourite picture house! Considering that hundreds of little nurse girls, in London at least, wear the nurses' veil, cap and cloak, how are the picture houses to be protected from imposition? We fear it cannot be done. And why, after all, should nurses have precedence

over other women workers? Now that their hours are so short, and times so regular, they must not claim further privileges, but share and share alike.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

We cull the following paragraph from the *South African Nursing Record*, the official organ of the South African Trained Nurses' Association:—

“Our new Patroness, Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, is already taking a great personal and professional interest in nursing conditions in South Africa. During one of her visits to a maternity hospital in the Transvaal, her attention was drawn to the difficulty of keeping delicate or premature infants in a regular warm temperature, and she immediately cabled to the Matron of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, for particulars regarding an incubator tent which she had seen in use there. Her Royal Highness received a sketch of the tent with a description of its construction, and gave it to the Matron of the Queen Victoria Hospital, Johannesburg, who was able to improvise one, and had it in full working order (with a microscopic occupant) when Princess Arthur visited the Hospital recently. Her Royal Highness carefully inspected the tent, and we feel sure that its introduction into South Africa will be of great benefit in all maternity hospitals or homes. Its outstanding features are simplicity, efficiency and economy, and it will be of great use from a practical point of view, as it can be used in any hospital or private house. The tent is made of a four-fold screen covered with thick blanket material (wool texture) with a chair or stool placed inside for the cot. The heat is created by electric lamps in a radiator attached to any ordinary plug, and a thermometer should be hung inside the tent and the temperature kept regular and recorded daily. The tent ought to be large enough to enable the nurse to give every attention to the baby without removing it. Princess Arthur is greatly impressed with some of the hospitals she has seen, and considers that the arrangements for the off-duty time and comfort of the nurses are exceptionally good. She is greatly interested in Child Welfare work, Red Cross work, and, in fact, in every kind of social work where nursing plays a big part. We are extremely fortunate in having secured the patronage of one who so thoroughly understands the actual practice of nursing, and who is in complete sympathy with the work in all its aspects.”

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