

The Chairman said her meaning was that they must sponge on the rich in order to care for the poor, to which she assented.

Miss Murdoch wished to know who was going to be responsible for running these clinics. Was the Ministry of Pensions or the Red Cross going to pay the workers? What of the medical officer? Would he treat the patients, or would they have their own medical attendants?

Sir Cooper Perry said he had no authority to answer any questions whatever, although he had had an informal interview with Sir Arthur Stanley on the subject.

Miss Kirby thought it better for the patients that they should be treated in a well-equipped centre such as a Red Cross clinic.

The Chairman said that the question would be carefully considered by the Council. He also spoke of the Club for professional women originally designed for members of the College of Nursing, which there was every prospect, owing to the generosity of Lord and Lady Cowdray, would be established in Cavendish Square. It was going to cost thousands of pounds a year to run the Club, and it was a little doubtful whether nurses would provide it, and it was, therefore, now proposed to run it as a Club for professional women. Lord and Lady Cowdray were warmly in favour of admitting masseuses as members.

Sir Cooper Perry mentioned that difficulties had arisen with the neighbours, and with the property owners, but perhaps in twelve months the Club would be running.

THE ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED SOCIETIES.

Mr. J. Longstaff Dennison presided over the Ninth Annual Conference of the above Association, which took place in the "Hearts of Oak" Delegate Hall on the afternoon of Friday, April 22nd, and the morning of April 23rd. The representative of the Trained Women Nurses Friendly Society was present on both days. There were several resolutions on the Agenda to be discussed. Practically all were passed, some in amended form. The one that caused the greatest discussion, and which will interest our readers specially, was a recommendation that all Societies affiliated to the Association of Approved Societies should be urged to allocate a portion of any surplus shown on valuation, to provide benefit in kind with view to uniformity of action. The special benefits defined were dental and nursing. After a prolonged discussion, it was resolved that the Executive be instructed to make a full enquiry into the matter and report.

The other matter of interest and importance was one of finance. A resolution was passed to amend the Constitution in respect of the subscriptions of the Affiliated Societies, by which all subscriptions will be raised.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE, SCOTTISH BRANCH.

URGENT APPEAL FOR £27,000.

The Appeal of the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses for providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor in their homes in all parts of Scotland bears, in black type, the words "Urgent Appeal for £27,000 to save the Institution from closing down." Such a position is unthinkable, for, as the Scottish Council of the Institute points out, probably nothing has ever been so great a boon to the sick people of Scotland as the work of the Jubilee nurses.

It was one of the most beneficent acts of the beloved Queen Victoria to give her Jubilee gift from the British women to "Improve the nursing of the sick poor." Little even did she dream that so noble and far-reaching a work would grow from such small beginnings.

All nurses who wish to become Queen's Nurses must be fully trained in hospital. The actual training by the Institute is (1) to test that they are by temperament and otherwise suitable for District work; and (2) to instruct them in medical work not usually taught in a General Hospital, but essential to a District Nurse who has to give supervisory care to every kind of case within her district. The standard insisted on is a high one, and the Council is responsible for the inspection of the nurses' work.

Everywhere the Queen's Nurses are to be found—relieving suffering, and bringing comfort where they come—in the crowded city, the quiet country, the far-off Highland glens, and the lone islands of the Western Sea, far even as St. Kilda.

Since the war started the expenditure has been rising above the income, which has remained stationary at about £4,400. The nurses trained annually have increased from 40 to 80. Salaries, board, uniform, and all other expenses have steadily risen, and capital funds to the sum of £6,800 have been realised to meet expenses.

The wealthy citizens of Scotland give large sums in support of its hospitals. Will not some of them contribute equally generously to the support of the invaluable work done by Queen's Nurses? This work cannot be demonstrated in fine buildings, and is therefore apt to be overlooked, but it is of inestimable value both in regard to the relief of suffering and of raising the standard of health.

Donations may be sent to H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, Honorary Treasurer, 26, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh.

The Ministry of Health have approved the proposal of the Paddington Guardians to provide at their Infirmary an operating theatre and central corridor at a cost of £8,509, plus architect's charges of £513.

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