

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

BRENTFORD NURSES' DISPUTE.

A rumour is current to the effect that the campaign of the Brentford Nurses has been dropped. So far from this being the case, writs were issued last week in the name of the Nurses, and served upon the Brentford Guardians. The matter is now, therefore, *sub judice*.

The action will be tried in the High Court of Justice, and the cost will be round and about £1,000. This responsibility has been shouldered by the Poor Law Workers' Trade Union, but it is to be hoped that Nurses will no longer stand aside and let others work, and, incidentally, pay for them.

May I appeal, through your Journal, to every nurse who remembers her own Probationer days, to send a subscription, no matter how small, to help this Fund?

It must not be said that nurses always allow other people to make sacrifices for them.

Subscriptions may be sent to 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W. 1.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

NURSING REFORM IN WALES.

Dealing with the public health services in the county of Carmarthen, Dr. D. Arthur Hughes, D.P.H., county medical officer of health for Carmarthenshire, in a lengthy report to the County Public Health Committee, states that the department that should receive the first whole-hearted consideration of the committee is that of nurses and nursing, and he advocates the formation of a County Nursing Association. He points out that whilst the 1918 Midwives Act appreciably helped the 1902 Act in putting a stop to the practice of midwifery by uncertified persons, women now were frequently obliged to put up with any casual help of women who had no experience whatever. The distribution of nurses throughout the county was irregular and uneven, and forty to fifty of the schools had no nurses assigned to them.

QUEEN VICTORIA NURSES.

Dr. Hughes deprecates the existence of two controlling authorities—the South Wales Nursing Association and the County Council—and states that the South Wales Nursing Association arose from the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and represented that body in Wales to provide medical and surgical (hospital trained) nurses for the sick poor, but the type and standard, he alleges, has been completely altered, and their curriculum reduced to simply obtaining the Central Midwives Board certificate, and these nurses were detailed under the existing scheme to do village

nursing (requiring medical and surgical technical training), health visitation, and school "following up," for which work the great majority of the nurses were unqualified.

He maintained that for the money expended (22 nurses at £60 each—£1,326 a year) the county did not get a proper return.

The South Wales Nursing Association appeared to be undergoing a partial dissolution, and he suggests at this juncture that they should confine their energies towards the establishment of an institution for training nurses in order to raise very considerably the prevailing standard.

SCHEME FOR COUNTY.

The County Council should make grants to the Association for the training of nurses. Dr. Hughes submits a draft scheme for the provision of a service of nurses throughout the county, and suggests the employment of fifty nurses at a cost of £3,750, half of which (£1,875) would come from the Treasury in grants. For an additional £1,125 they would be able to enlist 50 fully trained hospital nurses, "as against the South Wales Nursing Association's 25 inefficient nurses."

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Crewe House Bazaar in aid of the Great Northern Hospital, is the great metropolitan hospital event of the week, and it is evident from the enthusiastic support given to it that the hospital will benefit by a very substantial sum.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alice Countess of Athlone presided at a meeting at Middlesex Hospital last week, when it was decided to form a Ladies' Association, the object being to band together ladies who are interested in the hospital. Lady Maureen Stanley was elected a member of the Weekly Board of the hospital. It is hoped the payment of patients will bring in an income of £10,000.

Mr. R. Fleming, of Joyce Grove, Nettlebed (South Oxon), has contributed £1,000 to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

The late Mrs. Julia Norman, of Brunswick Terrace, Hove, who left £36,000, directed that after the payment of other legacies the remainder of her property, about £25,000, should be divided between the Putney Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath.

It is hoped to make the tenth "Alexandra Day" as far as possible a silver one, as the hospitals can do with all the cash they can get.

Nottingham has this year had a splendid result to its Saturday and Sunday Funds, no less than £25,795 11s. 3d., including a Flag Day collection, having been given by the Saturday Fund, and

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