

ance Act, 1920, on Poor Law officers. It is understood that an application for exception will be favourably considered by the Ministry of Labour if it is supported by a statement that it has not been the practice of the Guardians to dismiss employees except for misconduct or neglect in the performance of, or unfitness to perform their duties, and that they propose to continue this practice.

We congratulate the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League. Miss Forrest has received notification from the executor of the late Nurse Magee's will, that after the liabilities and one or two legacies have been paid, the balance of her savings has been willed to the League, for the benefit of sick and disabled members principally.

Invalids requiring the care and comfort obtainable in a good nursing home should write to Miss Annie Firth, Devonian, Dane Hill, Torquay, for her terms and particulars of accommodation. Miss Firth can take permanent as well as temporary patients, and it means much to those who are seeking such a home that it should be in congenial surroundings, and there is no lovelier place in the kingdom than Torquay. Devonian is excellently situated, with sea views, and the sea is a brilliant blue, while the warm, red rocks and the lovely foliage of the coastline are a constant delight. Miss Firth is a trained and experienced nurse, who will do her utmost to make her guests comfortable.

Miss Helen Inglis, Matron of the State Maternity Hospital, Wellington, and President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, Wellington Branch, has been spending some months in Britain. Miss Inglis was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, under Miss Spencer, of whose system she is a warm admirer.

Miss Inglis does not speak with whole-hearted approval of the eight-hour day for nurses, of which she has experience in New Zealand—evidently it is not all to the good.

At a meeting of the Durban Branch of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, a resolution was carried unanimously that the Executive approach H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught requesting her to accept the office of Hon. President of the Association. Her Royal Highness is a Vice-President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and has had prolonged practical training in nursing both at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London.

THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES, 1917-1921.

NO BALANCE-SHEET OR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS YET AVAILABLE.

A Friend of Nurses, who is of opinion that many appeals in the press for the Nation's Fund for Nurses were made in the name of all Nurses, and that the expenditure of money thus obtained from paid advertisements, by a Society registered by the London County Council under the War Charities Act, 1916, should present annually an audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts, recently took much trouble to inquire into the whole question of the management of the Fund—which he has embodied in the following short Report which he permits us to publish:—

THE REPORT.

BY AN INQUIRER.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL INTERVIEWED

Sir James Bird (Clerk of L.C.C.) was interviewed and the following particulars were obtained:—

The Clerk of the Local Government Committee, who deals with these questions, was also in attendance, and all necessary books, references, &c., were available.

The Fund emanated from the College of Nursing, Ltd. The *Daily Telegraph* was one of the media by which publicity was given and a public appeal made, but, beyond this, the *Daily Telegraph* is not responsible in any way for the Fund and its application, or any statements made in support of the appeal, the whole responsibility resting with the College of Nursing, Ltd.*

The L.C.C. is the Registration Authority.

The Fund is registered as a War Charity.

The L.C.C. cannot intervene unless—

- (1) Mismanagement is alleged and proved.
- (2) Mis-application or diversion of the funds in directions not specified in the objects of the Fund when registered or after amendment.
- (3) Fraud.
- (4) Failing to meet the requirements of the War Charities Act in any way financial or otherwise.

The Fund is bound to supply or issue periodical financial statements, and in the case of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, application had been made and granted for a six months' extension, so that the financial statement will not be submitted till February, 1921.

The financial statement need not contain detailed items of application—a summary of the work in tabulated form and certified is sufficient.

The L.C.C. cannot insist on details if above clause is carried out, but if any specific point is raised *re* any item, the complaint can be inquired into.

* How about Nurse Juliet ?

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