

Nation's Fund for Nurses, this huge donation of public money was not made public?

(4) How many thousands of pounds have been transferred by the Tribute Fund Committee to the College of Nursing, Ltd.?

The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley is Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, of the Tribute Fund Committee, and of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Council of the Fever Nurses' Association recommend the following Scale of Salaries for the Nursing Staffs of Fever Hospitals, and the reasons for their conclusions are:—

(1) That the professional work of nurses has hitherto never been adequately remunerated, and the recommendations made are the minimum necessary for comfort in life, and recognition of the work performed.

(2) That nurses holding qualifications similar to those held by Sisters are, as Health Visitors, receiving from Public Health Authorities from £175-£300 per annum.

(3) That in view of the facts outlined in (2) it has been practically impossible for some time to obtain the services of women adequately qualified professionally and personally for posts on nursing staffs of fever hospitals. This is a matter of the gravest concern to those responsible for such Institutions and, in our opinion, can only be met by making the conditions more nearly approaching those pertaining in the ordinary outside world.

(4) That the staff run risks which they do not in other hospitals, and that they suffer a considerable degree of social ostracism from the nature of their work and from the fear of infection on the part of their friends and the general public.

That the *Minimum* Salaries paid to the following Classes be as under:—

(1) PROBATIONERS AND JUNIOR ASSISTANT NURSES: First year, £45; second year, £50.

(2) STAFF NURSES: £60 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5, to £80.

N.B.—If a General trained nurse obtain a Fever Certificate she shall receive an increase of £10 per annum.

(3) SISTERS: (a) General trained and holding a recognised Fever Certificate, £90, rising by annual increments of £10 to £120. (b) General trained, but not holding a Fever Certificate, £80, rising by increments of £5 per annum to £100.

N.B.—On obtaining their Fever Certificates, Sisters should automatically pass into Class (a).

(4) NIGHT SUPERINTENDENTS AND HOME SISTERS:—£100 per annum, rising by £10 annually to £150.

N.B.—A Sister on the maximum salary in Class (a), who takes a position as Night Superintendent or Home Sister, is to be paid an additional salary at the rate of £20 per annum.

(5) ASSISTANT MATRONS: £120-£170 per annum, by £10 annually.

(6) MATRONS of a Hospital containing:—

Up to 25 Beds	£100	per annum.	
25 " 50 "	£120	" "	
50 " 100 "	£150	" "	
100 " 200 "	£200 to £250	per annum	} by £10 annually.
200 " 300 "	£225 " £275	" "	
300 " 400 "	£250 " £300	" "	
400 " 500 "	£300 " £350	" "	
Above 500 "	£350 " £450	" "	

When the maximum salary has been obtained in Clauses 3, 4 and 5, a Long Service increase of pay should be given of:—

£10	after 5 years' service.
£20	" 10 " "

NURSES' DAY AT THE ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL, LIVERPOOL.

The Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, on Tuesday, 11th inst., had its annual ceremony for the presentation of the awards to the Nursing Staff. The President, members of the Committee and a large number of friends were entertained to tea by the Matron (Miss Bagnall) and Nursing Staff, and afterwards witnessed a varied programme consisting of songs, dances and sketches, presented by members of the Nursing Staff as produced by them for the entertainment of the patients at Christmas. All the items were well rendered and greatly enjoyed.

The President (Mr. Thomas Woodsend) in opening the proceedings, said he had two very pleasant surprises to announce—two anonymous donors had befriended the hospital—one by a gift of two Victory Bonds of £5,000 each, and the other by a gift of X-Ray apparatus costing upwards of £600. Although no binding conditions were attached to the gift of £10,000 Victory Bonds, the donor favoured the use of the income therefrom for the social and educational benefit of the nurses, and he (the President) knew of no more fitting occasion for the announcement of this handsome and noble gift. It was with equal pleasure that the Committee acknowledged the anonymous donation of X-Ray apparatus, given as a token of gratitude for services rendered by a member of the Honorary Staff to members of the donor's family.

Another duty he had to perform was to declare open the new Nurses' Home Extension, which had been so generously subscribed for by the public, to enable the Committee to accommodate a larger staff, and thereby to alleviate the working hours and conditions of life of the nurses.

Mrs. Woodsend (wife of the President) made the presentations. Nurse M. S. Freeborn, wearing the Silver Medal which she had previously won, was decorated with the much-coveted Gold Medal for which she had been the first to qualify for a period of five years. Her well-deserved success was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Nurse E. S. J. Tracy, winner of the Silver Medal, and Nurse J. F. Wall, winner of the Matron's Book Prize for first year Nurses, were also heartily received, Mrs. Woodsend having also announced the results of the Cookery Awards, upon a motion put by Mr. Lyon H. Maxwell, Honorary Treasurer, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding, and Nurse Freeborn presented her with a bouquet as an expression of gratitude of the Nursing Staff for her many kindnesses.

The visitors then witnessed a demonstration of the new X-Ray apparatus and inspected the Nurses' Home Extension.

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