

quired for the maintenance alone of the staff of a Nurses' Home, which is to be erected in York Place at an estimated cost of £96,000. This increase of the nursing staff is consequent upon the reduction of their hours of work to fifty-six per week. That means straightway the addition of seventy nurses to the Royal Infirmary staff. Each one of those will add £2 a week to the institution's expenditure for board, lodgings and laundry. That, by a simple calculation, means £104 per year per nurse, and their initial salary will be £24 each annually. It is anticipated that during the next three years a total deficit of £200,000, involving the exhaustion of all available capital, will have to be faced. There is huge wealth in Manchester, and many warm hearts as well. With organisation there is no fear that the usefulness of its splendid Royal Infirmary will be permitted to decrease.

The South Wales Nursing Association, which was formed some ten years ago with the keen support of the late Lady St. Davids, principally to provide certified midwives with some experience of nursing for the southern half of the Principality, is now relinquishing its activities in favour of the County Nursing Associations which are being formed in the different counties.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick, Matron of Ballincoona Hospital, Co. Kerry, writes indignantly that last week soldiers surrounded the hospital, and after searching the place from top to toe, left with great booty: "The whole of my first-aid kit"! This, surely, was excess of duty. We have recently received many letters from Ireland of a strong political flavour, but consider ourselves justified in not publishing such communications, as we do not think any useful purpose can be effected in a nursing paper by plunging into political and sectarian controversy. Such warfare is best carried on in the general papers.

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS FOR NURSES.

On Monday last Princess Marie Louise opened a very successful bazaar and café chantant, at 46, Upper Grosvenor Street (lent by Mrs. Hartog), in aid of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses. The Princess was received by Lady Henry Somerset, who thanked Her Highness, in the name of the Guild, for her presence, and voiced the deep regret felt by the members that the Chaplain-General, the Rev. E. F. Russell, who has held that office since the foundation of the Guild in 1876, was prevented by illness from being present.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The twelfth meeting of the General Nursing Council was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, on February 2nd, Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., in the chair.

Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN reported the receipt of the following correspondence:—

(1) A letter from the Matron of the Hospital, Stratford-on-Avon, which was referred to the Education and Examination Committee for consideration and report.

(2) A letter from Miss Margaret B. Vickers, Hon. Secretary of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, representing 200 trained nurses, expressing the opinion of the League that nurses should be protected from overwork by a Special Regulation as to their hours of employment, but deprecating the inclusion of nurses in a forty-eight hours' working week, under the Hours of Employment Bill, as tending to lower the standard of trained nurses, who should have liberty of action to carry out their duties in regard to their patients.

MISS MACCALLUM enquired if other letters on the same subject had been received?

MR. CHRISTIAN said that a letter had been sent on behalf of the Asylum Workers' Union.

THE CHAIRMAN said that it depended where the letters were sent—some on this subject were sent to the Minister and some to the Council.

DR. GOODALL said that the Council had expressed an opinion on this subject. DR. BEDFORD PIERCE pointed out that the letter contained no suggestion as to how nurses were to be protected from overwork, and thought that this might be asked for.

It was agreed to send the League a copy of the Resolution of the Council on the subject and invite any suggestion from it which would carry its resolution into effect.

(3) A letter from Dr. Moore, Medical Officer of Health, Huddersfield.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that this resulted from Schedules drafted and circulated by the Education and Examination Committee to hospital authorities, asking that the questions might be answered and returned to the Council; and most of the replies they had received were most courteous. A letter had been received from the Medical Officer of Health on behalf of Huddersfield Sanitary Department, asking for information as to the constitution of the General Nursing Council and its relation to the Ministry of Health, to which the Registrar replied that the General Nursing Council was a Statutory Body appointed under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919.

The Medical Officer of Health wrote subsequently to say that he had submitted the Schedule to the Council of the Sanitary Authority of Huddersfield, and the request that it should be completed was considered; and that authority

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