

regulate examinations, and maintain discipline, the nurses were the experts to do it, we have, we fear, offended the *Poor Law Officers' Journal*. This journal claimed that Boards of Guardians, "as the principal employing body" of nurses, had a "legitimate claim" to representation on the G.N.C. We claim that as two Matrons of Poor Law Hospitals are on the Council this branch of nursing is adequately provided for. Poor Law Guardians have made no "legitimate claim" to representation on the General Medical Council, or Central Midwives' Board. If people would only leave the nurses, like other professional women, to work out their own salvation, what a blessing it would be. The profession will never be worth a row of pins until self-government is conceded.

A "Pound Day" and a sale of work, organised by the nursing staff, is being held at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, on Thursday and Friday of this week, from 10 a.m., to raise funds for the hospital.

The recent sale of work at the Queen Victoria Nurses' Home in Glossop Road, Sheffield, and in aid of the Nurses' Benevolent Fund, realised £70. In the absence of Miss Franklin the sale was opened by the Matron of the Home, Miss Hancox. Friends had sent flowers, fruit, and quantities of goods. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance, and all was sold out by evening, hearty thanks being accorded to the donors of the articles sent for the event. The Secretary of the Home and several members of the Committee were present, and thanks were passed to the Committee for allowing the use of the Home for the sale.

Three Sheffield nurses are receiving pensions from the Fund, which is worked from London, and more help is urgently needed, particularly as two other local nurses are in such a state of health that they should be awarded financial assistance from the association.

Mr. Edward Hollins, of the Moat House, Tamworth, Staffs, proprietor of a private lunatic asylum, who left £11,833, gave £1,000 to Susan Ann Michaus, matron of the Moat House.

We cull the following from the 98th report of the Stratford-on-Avon Hospital:—

"The passing of the 'Nurses' Registration Act' was likely to cause further anxiety and expense to all small Hospitals. Probationers, in order to qualify for registration, must have

time for study as well as someone to instruct them; consequently the number of probationers must be increased and sisters or tutors found to train them. Nurses would not accept posts in Hospitals where there were no probationers. The only possible solution of the difficulty was the affiliation of small hospitals with the training schools. The Committee had brought the urgency of this question before the General Nursing Council and the Ministry of Health on more than one occasion during the past year.

"Notwithstanding a considerable increase in salaries and wages, the constant and increasing shortage on both nursing and domestic staffs continued. This had very much added to the work of the Matron. The shortage of nurses had necessitated the engagement of temporary nurses, both for holiday and relief duty, as well as for special cases. The Committee was particularly pleased to record their appreciation of the very efficient manner in which Miss H. P. Ind and her staff had maintained the high standard of the Hospital."

What the Nurses' Registration Act will also do is to procure justice for probationers, who in the past have so often been sacrificed to the general routine of hospitals.

Nurses who have followed the Public Health work being done in Reims by British Nurses, under the superintendence of Miss C. C. du Sautoy, in connection with the Comité Américain pour les Régions Dévastées de la France, will be interested to learn that it is now so thoroughly organised that a whole-time Directrice is no longer necessary, inspection on the lines which worked so well for so many years in this country in connection with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute being all that is requisite. Miss du Sautoy has therefore undertaken the reorganisation of the Hospital at Blérancourt, and, as will be seen from our advertisement columns, is advertising for English nurses, who speak fluent French, for work in the hospital. One is also required for a district near the hospital who is a Roman Catholic.

Those who know the organising ability of Miss du Sautoy, and the happy relations which are maintained between her and the nursing staff working under her, will realise that these vacancies afford an opportunity for congenial, useful, and well-paid work, which will bear good fruit in the future. The number of British nurses who speak fluent French is unfortunately very limited, but we hope that Miss du Sautoy will receive applications from amongst them to enable her to fill these posts.

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