

make this subject, with the statistics, as widely known as possible. British subjects, especially women and nurses, should demand that an inquiry into this disgraceful business be held without delay.

NURSES AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

As there is a movement on foot to obtain exemption on the ground that nurses are not likely to receive any benefit, and that there is not unemployment amongst nurses, may I be allowed, through your valuable paper, to state the other side of the case?

First, nurses who contribute to the Act are bound to benefit, that is, if they wish to do so, because if not claimed as unemployment pay, whatever amount has been paid in can be recovered, plus 2½ per cent. interest, at the age of 60.

Second, there is unemployment amongst nurses; many are coming to this office inquiring for posts at the present time; also, statistics give close on 1,000 on the books at Employment Exchanges. Granted these nurses may be no longer young, this fact makes it increasingly difficult for them to obtain work. Certainly there are staff nurses' posts, but few matrons would accept a nurse over 40, even were she willing to take such a position.

Nurses, therefore, must, as other workers, contribute in order to help each other, and should do so the more willingly if in the happy condition of being unlikely to need such assistance. No nurse really misses the sixpence deducted from her salary, and she has the satisfaction of knowing that it is going to help someone out of employment.

One, of course, sympathises with the present difficulties of the hospital authorities in their straightened circumstances, but it is only fair that nurses should know the other side of the question.

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JUMBLE SALES.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Jumble Sale in connection with the Voluntary Hospitals' Bazaar at Sheffield, is postponed from November 19th to the 25th inst., when it will be held in the Cutlers' Hall. It is wonderful how odd articles of every description bring a price at such sales. The thing is to try to give a fair value for money. Finery goes like wild fire, and we once disposed of fifty gay but out-of-date hats in a quarter of an hour; feathers are greatly beloved, and evening shoes have also a wonderful vogue at such sales.

A high-class Jumble Sale will be held in the St. Peter's Hall, Warner Place, E., in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, by which it is hoped to make quite a tidy sum for the charity. If you have any useful or ornamental things you want to distribute, just pack them up and send them to the Matron. She can do with any amount of gifts, and nothing comes amiss.

GLAXO HOUSE.

One of the great industries of the present day is the presentation to the public, in powder form, of the solids of milk, with a standardised content of butter fat, bacterially pure and free from contamination by dust, flies or germs, under the name of GLAXO, this being the product of New Zealand cows, free from tuberculosis.

It is testimony to the increasing appreciation by the public of a pure milk supply in this form, that the firm of Messrs. Joseph Nathan & Co., the proprietors of GLAXO, have recently had to remove to larger premises, and have wisely built an establishment suited for their purpose, known as "Glaxo House," in Osnaburgh Street, Regent's Park, N.W., and it is of "Glaxo House" that I wish to write at present, because nothing is better calculated to give a true impression of the work carried on by this firm.

If one is sensitive to impressions—and that is an essential qualification for a nurse—the Glaxo atmosphere takes hold of one directly one enters the building. It is very insistently an atmosphere of business efficiency, repose and goodwill. The spacious central hall lined with panelling of teak, with offices for the heads of departments opening directly from it the walls colour-washed, a soft grey, carrying out the colour scheme throughout the building—gives the key note. Inviting settees and armchairs are at your service while you wait, and you realise that the firm has studied the psychology of the public, and especially perhaps of the trained nurse, the importance of the conservation of energy, and the value—to the busy worker—of repose.

GLAXO is not altogether an infant food; perhaps it would be right to say it is not primarily an infant food, though infants thrive amazingly upon it when it is rightly administered. It is also of proved value as a galactagogue, enabling mothers whose supply of milk is failing to continue nursing, and, further, its usefulness in the household is increasingly demonstrated in the construction of dainty puddings, cakes, biscuits, and the variety of dishes in which milk is ordinarily used. Nurses will appreciate its utility in cases where milk is a necessary article of diet, but not readily available. For instance, in cases of critical illness in a tropical hospital, when a patient was ordered home, it was the custom to put a goat on board the homeward bound ship so that the all-important milk might be forthcoming. No doubt, lives were saved thereby, though I fear the goat, as the reward of saving a human life, lost her own at the end of the voyage. How much simpler and more economical, to ship a few tins of GLAXO, when neither life need be sacrificed!

A very interesting department is that in which the uses of the up-to-date Emulsifier are demonstrated by Miss Sidney. The GLAXO, after being perfectly blended with water in the Emulsifier, which is worked by electricity, is run over cold tubes into a container, the result being a refreshing milk which few people can distinguish from ordin-

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