

who has served them and the public long and faithfully.

The Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, as representing the District Nursing Associations, or Federations of Nursing Associations set out in a defined Schedule, and the Approved Societies or Federations of Approved Societies set out in a second Schedule, are prepared to enter into an Agreement, for the period of one year, to nurse patients belonging to the Societies enumerated, subject to the right of either side to give three months' notice to terminate the Agreement.

The District Nurses in the employment of District Nursing Associations in Schedule 1 will, in their respective areas, attend (in accordance with Rule 3 of the Regulations for District Nursing Associations in affiliation with the Q.V.J.I.) the members of Societies set out in Schedule 2, except in such infectious cases as are prohibited by the public health authorities. The nurse may be summoned either by or on behalf of the insured member, or by the Society. In every case in which the nurse attends, a voucher will be issued by the Society to the patient, which will be signed by the nurse at each visit. Vouchers will only be issued by the Society in respect of members entitled to additional benefits, and will provide in the first place for not more than ten visits. Every Society is to pay in respect of each of its members nursed one shilling per visit, which will be taken to represent 75 per cent. of the cost of providing the nursing, it being open to the Nursing Association to collect not more than 4d. a visit from the member if they think fit (1s. 4d. being taken as representing the cost of a visit). A Society may, however, make special arrangements with the appropriate Association in regard to the nursing of any particular member or members of the Association. The Agreement does not apply to midwifery, or maternity nursing of insured persons, except where the incapacity continues after four weeks. The accounts are to be rendered by Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses to the Societies, accompanied by the relative vouchers, and are to be paid quarterly by the Societies to the Q.V.J.I.

The Associations referred to in Schedule 1 agree that they will not, while parties to this Agreement, offer or give more favourable terms to any other Approved Society, and that in the event of such terms being already arranged, notice to terminate such an Agreement shall forthwith be given. A Joint Committee is to be set up representing Approved

Societies and Nursing Associations, to settle any necessary details in regard to the scheme, and any dispute or difficulty in connection with its working, and its decision will be final.

Miss Earle, Matron of the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, is very grateful for the splendid response to her appeal on behalf of the hospital in the form of pound days. So successful were these, that in addition to sufficient material being supplied to make the plum puddings and mince pies, there will be something to hand over to the General Fund after the paying of all bills for the supplying of extra fare for the festive season. One marked feature of the days was the bringing by really poor people of their pound of goods to swell the pile. Miss Earle takes this opportunity of thanking all her old nurses who contributed, and hopes they will also remember the bazaar to be held next year. Particulars of this will be forthcoming later.

The tragedy of the "Bournemouth murder" has a lesson for nurses (of course, a nurse figures in the case). Other decoy telegrams were sent, one to a well-known Bureau, asking that a young, pleasant nurse-companion for a girl of 20 might be sent to Boscombe Grange by a specified train. In response a nurse left London on Wednesday, December 21st, by the 5.30 p.m. train from Waterloo, arriving at Bournemouth at 8.22. No one met the train, and she went to the address given—Boscombe Grange—to find that it is a boarding house, and no one of name Butler (the name given in the telegram) was known there. She therefore stopped the night and returned to London next day.

There is always an element of risk in nurses going to cases which are not known to the Superintendent of an Association or Co-operation, unless booked through a doctor, and this should be done whenever possible. In any case, if a nurse is sent she should always be given explicit directions as to how to proceed to the case. In the course of their duties private nurses care for all kinds of cases, and go to many strange places, but it is a necessary precaution that a nurse should proceed alone to her destination, and not in the company of a stranger who may wish to call for her with the ostensible reason of conveying her quickly to her case, but whose real motive may be a sinister one. We know one Superintendent who made an invariable rule never to allow a nurse to be fetched by a strange employer.

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