

The new Home for the Hammersmith District Nurses is to be called the Nightingale Shore Home, and will be formally opened by H.R.H. Princess Louise on the 1st July, when the little Guest Room for Queen's Nurses will be dedicated. All subscribers to the Nightingale Shore Memorial will receive a card of invitation to the opening on sending a stamped addressed envelope to Miss Rogers, 10, Mall Road, Hammersmith, W.6.

Head Nurse Wilson has our sympathy.

Clitheroe Guardians have reaffirmed their decision that her dog must leave the work-house infirmary. For a fortnight the nurse has been keeping the dog against the orders of the guardians.

Much public sympathy has been aroused by the nurse's defence of her pet, and at the meeting Mr. Hargreaves mentioned that recently drunken men have been prowling round the institution. He thought the nurses should have some protection.

Several members expressed fears that the dog might attack patients, and Mr. Hargreaves said it could not bite.

"What good is it then?" asked a member, amid laughter.

Another member asserted that it was lame and was "neither use nor ornament." (Laughter.) "I don't understand how the nurse became attached to it," he said, which prompted another member to remark: "Well, look at me; but somebody loves me." (Laughter.)

Asked what she proposed to do with the dog, Miss Wilson said, "I don't know; it is a shame."

So it is. And the callous treatment of Miss Wilson's affection for her loyal companion adds insult to injury.

Several weeks' strenuous activity on the part of the Matron, staff, and friends of the Grimsby and District Nursing Institution had a reward recently when a bazaar produced the handsome sum of £80.

Much trouble had been taken, and the garden of the Home presented a picturesque and attractive spectacle. Flags and bunting gave a festive touch, whilst tastefully arranged stalls proved a lure to the company which gathered.

*Kai Tiaki*, the Journal of the Nurses of New Zealand, in the latest issue to hand, opens with sensible editorial remarks on the Economic Position of Nurses: "At present we learn that the position of private nurses is not satisfactory, owing greatly to the general financial stress which affects every part of the com-

munity . . . yet we learn that every ship brings nurses, who apply for registration in New Zealand and seek posts.

"In other times we would welcome these nurses, many of whom are very highly qualified and fine women, and have seen long war service; but just now it is impossible to encourage them or to receive them as they have a right to expect.

"Many letters are received from nurses anxious to come out and at the same time to be assured of a position, but these are advised to remain where they are rather than to risk coming out without any definite prospects, unless, indeed, they have friends or money and can afford to wait. . . .

"In regard to private nursing, we still hear complaints from private nurses that the members of the medical profession are in many cases not loyal to the sister profession, and are still frequently in the habit of working with unqualified women.

"This is a matter which should be seriously taken up by the Central Council at its triennial meeting in November."

### LEAGUE NEWS.

The Annual Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home on Tuesday, June 13th. Many letters of regret for absence had been received, and the inclement weather prevented many more members from coming; but everyone was delighted to welcome Miss Rogers. The President, Miss Vincent, R.R.C., was in the chair, and Miss Knaggs, R.R.C., one of the Vice-Presidents, was also present. Miss Vincent, in her opening speech, referred to the exclusion of nurses from unemployment insurance, and said that some societies were hoping to obtain a return of part of the payments already made; as the money had been used, she was afraid they would not have much success. Plans for a Nurses' Superannuation Fund were being discussed, but, so far, had not taken shape. The proposed increase in the subscription was carried unanimously, the present subscription of 3s. 6d. not being sufficient to pay expenses, and the Hon. Treasurer hoped that members would find 5s. easier to remember. The cost of the Journal was discussed, and it was decided that reports of meetings should be summarised, not reported in full.

A grant of £3 3s. towards the cost of a Nursing Section at the Woman's Exhibition at Olympia was made; as the members thought that all opportunities of emphasising the importance of Nurse Training should be taken.

The question of the proposed new League Banner was deferred.

Miss Ogden proposed, and Miss Crosshill seconded, a vote of thanks to Miss Vincent for presiding, which was carried unanimously.

The members then adjourned to the Nurses' sitting-room for tea and exchange of reminiscences.

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