

of the management, the need and value of a trained nursing service for every home in the burgh unable to afford a private nurse, in order to ascertain the support available for establishing it on the only possible financial basis, namely, a provident method of maintenance. The response, says the *Dunfermline Press*, has been excellent. If all the workers in the burgh will undertake voluntarily to contribute 1d. per fortnight, beginning in October, it will be possible to inaugurate that month a service of three Queen's Nurses, additional to the present nurse, in readiness for all the illnesses of the Scottish winter and spring. All workers are being approached. Homes not contributing in this way will be asked to pay either an annual subscription of 6s. or a scale of charges for actual services rendered; and this revenue, it is estimated, will meet 70 per cent. of the costs of maintenance, the remaining 30 per cent. being met, as elsewhere, from private sources, employers' contributions, and certain small grants. Old age pensioners, the sick poor, unemployed workers, &c., will receive the service gratis. This provident payment of 2s. per year per worker will permit every home to have the service, when needed, free, and without any element of charity; and when not needed, other homes will be receiving the benefit of the common payment.

A public meeting to inaugurate the service will be held in October, when it is contemplated a District Nursing Association for Dunfermline, representative of all contributors, will be formed.

Dr. Yeoman, Medical Officer of the Wirral (Chester) Poor Law Authority, has been protesting against the standard of training defined by the General Nursing Council. A nurse, he said, would now have to be examined in biology, physiology, psychology, mathematics, including the metric system and elementary algebra, botany, elementary chemistry, and other subjects before she was considered qualified for her work in the ward.

We advise our readers to accept this statement "cum grano," and to study for themselves the Syllabus of Training issued by the General Nursing Council. It is a pity that a responsible medical officer should mislead the public and discourage women from becoming nurses, as the shortage is very injurious to the public health.

The *Liverpool Courier* thinks that high medical information and skill is valuable, where it can be used. For ordinary hospital service, strength of body, equability of temperament, and ability to do tasks of drudgery, are even more important!

## DUBLIN COLLEAGUES HONOUR MISS CARSON-RAE.

A pleasant function was the farewell supper, given on August 17th, in honour of Miss Carson-Rae, who is leaving Ireland, having resigned the position of Head of the Nurses' Hostel, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Invitations were issued by Miss Huxley and Miss Reeves, and although holiday time hindered many acceptances, a goodly number of guests gathered together in Miss Reeves' quarters at Dr. Steevens' Hospital.

A *récherché* supper of dainty viands was served at a long table; lovely roses were the flowers selected for its decoration, and, together with garlands of pink ramblers, presented a feast of colour. Among those present were the Misses Burkitt, Goulding, Huxley, Riorden, Thornton, Reeves, Phelan, Delap and Patton. Miss Huxley, who presided and proposed the health of the guest of the evening, said: "Ladies,—Though this is, as it was intended to be, a very pleasant festivity, our rejoicing is tempered with regret when we remember that it is to say farewell to Miss Rae. We very much regret Miss Rae's departure from Dublin, especially those of us who have worked with her in various nursing organisations for so many years—the Irish Nurses' Association, the Irish Matrons' Association and the Irish Nurses' Registration Board. Of this latter Miss Rae did the secretarial work almost unaided. We, at least, know full well the value of her work and its admirable thoroughness and method. These qualities have been notably manifested in the Irish Nurses' Hostel, whose secretary Miss Rae has been since its inception. Who could enter the doors of 34, St. Stephen's Green without feeling that a gentlewoman reigned there? The place has been beautifully kept, and its financial management has been a surprising wonder to us all. Her clear brain which enabled her to run the various committees successfully, and her quick perception of difficulties that might arise, made her work invaluable to the Nursing politics of Dublin. We shall be poorer by her departure."

Miss Rae responded in a graceful speech, and thanked her friends for their good wishes; and Miss Reeves voiced the general feeling of regret which all present felt. Expressions of cordial good will closed a very friendly gathering.

Dublin's loss is London's gain, and Miss Carson-Rae is assured of a warm welcome on this side of the Channel.

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