

joining the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, is now well in hand.

It is felt by the active members of the Committee that it was far better to put the work in hand at once, although the full amount of £100,000, which it is expected the building will cost, has not been raised.

Not only will it relieve unemployment to a certain extent, but it will be a continual advertisement of the new building, which will make the group of buildings from Pembroke Place, Ashton Street, Brownlow Hill, and Brownlow Street one of the most striking collective series of buildings in England.

The public, which has so generously subscribed to the undertaking, is reminded by Miss Cummins, the lady superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, that a very large sum has yet to be raised before the building can be finished. About £40,000 will be spent at present.

The recent special effort of the nurses of the Royal Infirmary raised over £3,000 at an open-air bazaar which had but one day's good weather out of three, a sum which, in the circumstances, was most gratifying. It is expected that a special ball will be given later, either at St. George's Hall or the Philharmonic, in aid of the Nurses' Home, but details have not yet been settled.

The question of establishing a national nursing service for persons insured under the Health Insurance Act and their dependants was the subject of a long discussion at a conference held last week in the Round Room, Music Hall Buildings, Aberdeen, of representatives of local branches of approved societies and the Burgh Insurance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned from May last, when the subject was considered, but little or nothing was done to decide what course should be followed in the matter. The result of the resumed conference was an agreement to dismiss the idea of instituting a national nursing service as being quite unsuitable.

The recommendation that approved societies should make grants in support in every way, and extend the Aberdeen Nursing Association, whose nurses are of a highly efficient type, met with applause. We all know it would be difficult to beat a Scottish Queen's Nurse!

The home nursing service which is to be inaugurated in Dunfermline at an early date is to receive, subject to the approval of the Scottish Board of Health, a grant of £250 from Dunfermline Town Council.

For the proposed service four Queen's

Nurses are to be engaged, at an estimated cost of £800 per annum, raised to the extent of 30 per cent. by public grants and private contributions, and to the extent of 70 per cent. by provident annual payments of 2s. per worker, contributed at work.

When the subject of the grant was under consideration at the monthly meeting of the Town Council, Councillor Miss Frew, who is actively interested in the scheme, stated that Dunfermline was the only town in the whole of Scotland which did not possess a home nursing service. With over 30,000 of a population they had only one partially trained nurse. She said the proposed grant was of very modest dimension compared with what other Town Councils in the country were contributing.

The South African Nursing Record deplures the tactics which have deferred the Medical and Pharmacy Bill year after year, "for on this Bill hinges the whole future of the Nursing Profession in South Africa. It was in 1915 that the T.N.A. first made the acquaintance of the Bill, and we had hopes that it would be law in 1917. It isn't. We wonder if it will be in 1927."

What is ten years where nursing legislation is concerned? We were working full steam ahead from 1888 to 1919 before prejudice and vested interests could be partially overcome in the United Kingdom. The only hope is that delay in South Africa may mean more recognition for the S.A.T.N.A. The present Bill gives little control to the Nursing Profession over its own affairs.

NAVAL MEDICAL WAR MEMORIALS.

UNVEILING AT PLYMOUTH.

The Memorial Tablet designed for the Royal Naval Hospital at Plymouth, commemorating the names of those Naval Medical Officers and members of the Nursing Staff who lost their lives in the war, will be unveiled on Wednesday, October 4th, at 3 p.m.

As already announced in these columns, a tablet has been unveiled at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, on August 17th, and a similar tablet will be erected at the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham at a later date, which will be notified.

The relatives and friends of the fallen, and all others who may be interested, are invited to attend the unveiling ceremony at the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, or at Chatham, whichever may be most convenient for them.

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