

immense help to have an extra nurse on the staff for relief duty.

It is disquietening to learn that a particularly bad form of cancer is responsible for one of the largest sections of patients, and in all the districts the same experience is met.

Many more subscribers would be welcomed. A new home for the nurses would be much appreciated. The present house in Glossop Road is very noisy, and after an exhausting day's work the nurses are disturbed by the traffic. A quiet house with a nice garden is what they want, and what all will agree they richly deserve.

A very generous donation of £1,000 has been given to the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital by the President (Sir Arthur Churchman, Bart., M.P.). The money is to be applied towards liquidating the debt of £5,000 on the new quarters for the nursing staff.

Deputy-Surgeon-General William Carden Roe, of Loran Park, Roscrea, Tipperary, and Shackenhurst, West Overcliffe Drive, Bournemouth, who served in the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny, left £1,000, the furniture in her room, and £5,000 for the purchase of annuities, to his nurse, Miss Annie Alma Osmeath.

Many doctors and nurses in the back-blocks of Australia are now ready to visit their patients by aeroplane. An aerial medical service has been formed, and it is gradually extending its radius of operation (writes an *Evening News* representative).

The settler who has taken his wife to the back-blocks has hitherto had to pay more than £50 motor-car hire for a doctor when a baby has been born. Many a settler, for this reason, prefers to leave his wife in a town.

The aerial medical service hopes to change all this, and at present a doctor and a nurse may be sent by aeroplane from at least six air stations in scattered districts, where already eight nursing homes are established.

The cost will be covered by annual subscription, and will not be prohibitive.

It is hoped that within a year or two this number will be increased to 20, each in charge of an Australian matron, who will receive the patient in the aerial ambulance, or who will supervise the dispatch of fully qualified maternity nurses.

Thus the maternity nurse of the future must be ready to fly, as well as to devote herself to the service of the patient.

LEAGUE NEWS.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

We propose to publish the official account of the Annual Reunion Dinner of the above League in our next issue.

The Annual Meeting of the League, which has a membership of 272 in its first year, was well attended, and was held in the beautiful reception room of the Trades' House, Glasgow, an hour before the Dinner.

Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, the Matron, was re-elected President; the Hon. Presidents being Mrs. Strong and Miss Melrose, who between them reigned as Matrons for a period of 36 years.

The Constitution was amended, and the first number of the *League Journal*, in its tasteful purple cover—with motto "Per aspera ad astra" on the title page—was eagerly bought by members and guests.

Miss Donaldson remarked that this first issue of the Journal must not be looked upon either as a serious literary effort, or as a complete record of current affairs in the lives of the past or present members of the Nursing Staff, and that before the next issue of the Journal it was greatly to be hoped that a small Editorial Committee would be formed of the past and present G.R.I. Nurses to collect news of interest to everyone. Opportunities should be given for contributions from far and wide and the "Journal" should become a "live wire" connecting members working all over the world.

For ourselves we consider this first issue a remarkable one; the letters from Mrs. Strong and Miss Melrose and from Dr. James MacFarlane, the Chairman, are surely calculated to inspire the members of the League with high ideals; and as proof of the standard of the "Journal" we re-publish the "Open Letter to the Rising Generation," signed "M.S.D.," which we hope the authoress will permit republication as a leaflet to be issued by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. It should be in the hands of and treasured by every League member affiliated to the National Council.

OPEN LETTER TO THE RISING GENERATION OF GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES.

*Ardua molimur: sed nulla, nisi ardua, virtus.
Difficilis nostra poscitur arte labor.*

OID, *Ars Am*: ii. 537, 8.

We sometimes hear used in a kindly, yet somewhat disparaging sense, the words Youthful Ideals. They seem to mean something fresh and fair, bright with innocence and honour, but not made to endure—a dewy morning freshness—an early vanishing bloom. But be you sure that more or less latent though they be, many—aye, very many—of the resolves which have made men great and good, and given them a place in the history of man, and a crown in the Hereafter, have been Youthful Resolves. As Rabel, the philosopher, writes: "The future comes not from before to

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