

generosity towards the rank and file of its nurses.

A large number of friends attended the garden party on July 12th, arranged in connection with the annual distribution of prizes to the probationary nurses at St. Marylebone Hospital.

Dr. Basil Hood mentioned that the prizes were given twice yearly. The gold medal presented by the Board for proficiency had been awarded Nurse Ellen Mary Cook.

Sir James Galloway, after presenting the awards, congratulated the prize winners on their successes.

Teas were afterwards served for the visitors on the lawns by the nursing staff, and a tennis match played between hospital teams.

On Saturday last the new nurses' home at the Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, was unveiled by Lady Ashcombe. The Home is the county memorial to 24 members of the Surrey Branch of the British Red Cross Society who fell in the Great War. It cost £8,000 to erect, the site being the gift of the Earl of Onslow. The Home was afterwards dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester. In the course of a brief address the Bishop said the war convulsed English society; but it had broken down restraints which had kept girls and women too much in home life, and it had now become more natural for many to come forward to work as citizens and as soldiers of the right.

New quarters for the accommodation of the nurses engaged at the Nottingham General Hospital are in course of erection on an elevated position in close proximity to the hospital and overlooking the Castle Grounds. When the work is completed eight sitting-rooms and about 130 other rooms will be at the disposal of the nurses.

The furnishing of these will entail the expenditure of a large sum of money. To raise it various means are being adopted. In November there will be a gigantic bazaar, and prior to that month amateur theatricals, whist drives, &c., will take place. Special appeals have been issued to the districts outside Nottingham to organise functions for this very worthy object.

The Queen's Nurses' Flag Day at Brighton on Saturday last produced the splendid total of £329 4s. 3d.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, on Friday, July 21st. Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.P., M.D., Chairman of the Council, presided.

Correspondence.

A letter was read from Miss Bates, thanking the Council for the grant of £21 sick pay.

THE SHORTAGE OF NURSES.

Also a letter conveying a resolution passed by the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations drawing attention to the shortage of nurses.

RESOLUTION.

"In consideration of the fact that the shortage of nurses constitutes a grave danger to the community the under-mentioned constituent Societies of the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations respectfully urge the Prime Minister to appoint a Select Parliamentary Committee to enquire into all the conditions of the profession. They also call upon the Minister of Health to consider impartially the point of view of the employees as well as those who represent the employers' interests."

The Resolution was supported by thirteen constituent Societies of the Committee.

PADDINGTON HOSPITAL AND RECOGNITION.

A letter was read from the Medical Superintendent of the Paddington Hospital, claiming that the hospital provided the training facilities requisite for recognition by the General Nursing Council.

THE MATRON THE SOLE REFEREE.

And a letter from the Minister of Health approving an amendment to Rule 8 (1) submitted by the Council providing that if at the date of her application the applicant was employed in any hospital, institution or infirmary in which she received her training, or part of her training, and the Council are furnished with evidence of good character and professional efficiency by the Matron of such institution or infirmary, the Council may, if they think fit, dispense with any further evidence of character and professional efficiency.

REGISTERED NURSES NO RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE COUNCIL.

THE CHAIRMAN was passing on to the next business when MISS MACDONALD enquired whether there were no more letters. She understood one had been sent by Miss Liddiatt.

THE CHAIRMAN said he received a number of private letters. He declined to read them unless they led to business, and he should write to Miss Liddiatt (whose letter was in his pocket) in that sense.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked whether the Registered Nurses had no right of appeal to the Council?

THE CHAIRMAN replied: No, not their private opinions; not unless the letter led to business. Most of the Nurses Societies had representatives

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