

millions these days the better. The workers want to know how they accumulate, when some of them are living fourteen in two slum rooms.

A correspondence is progressing in the Aberdeen press on the need of help for old nurses. "A Nurse" writes: "If there are homes for aged nurses in Edinburgh and Glasgow, why have we not one across the Mounth? I am sure there are a good few nurses from Aberdeen to John o' Groats. Would Miss Edmondson (who suggests application to the Nation's Fund) kindly see that nurses who have worked for a pittance and are now getting on in years, get a small pension and a home to end their days in? I know a nurse, when old and ill, who had to go to the Aberdeen Poorhouse. The salaries of nurses were rising along with other women's work in the early days of the war before the College of Nursing came into existence."

Miss I. Macdonald, R.B.N.A., has some wise things to say on organised mendicancy, which nurses will do well to digest.

The late Mr. Edward H. Fraser, D.C.L., of Wellington House, Nottingham, left £50 to his "excellent nurse," Henry F. King.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT EPITACIO PESSOA TO ELEVENTH CONGRESS OF BRAZIL.

The following excerpt is of special interest, says the *American Journal of Nursing*, because it is the first time to our knowledge that nursing or nursing education has been mentioned in a Presidential message. The Division of Tuberculosis, recently organised, is already working regularly and showing continuous development. Tuberculosis is a problem of tremendous importance in our country, especially in Rio Janeiro, where the disease shows a very high death rate. We are only at the beginning of such work, as the city needs immediately 1,000 beds for the tuberculous. In close connection with the prevention of tuberculosis is a public health nursing service, which is now being organised in the Department of Health. The lack of well-trained nurses in our country is a serious hindrance in the treatment of the sick, both institutional and private. To fill this great need the Government has decided to establish a Training School for Nurses. This will represent an important advancement for the sanitary administration and at the same time a wider field for the efficient activity of the women of Brazil.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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We continue below our Report of the proceedings of the twenty-sixth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, held on July 21st, at the Ministry of Health, Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.P., M.D., presiding.

Report of the General Purposes Committee.

The HON. MRS. EUSTACE HILLS (Chairman of the General Purposes Committee) moved that the Report be received.

The Committee met once, on July 7th :—

1. To report that the question of staff was further considered, in view of the great increase in the number of applications for registration. It is essential to deal speedily with these, to prepare the register for printing, and to make arrangements for dealing with the forthcoming election. After considerable discussion it was decided to make certain recommendations dealing with the constitution of the staff until the end of the current year. It was thought wiser to leave any permanent reorganisation to be dealt with by the new Council.

The Committee recommend :—

(a) That a Secretary to the Registrar be appointed by the Council to assist in dealing with all correspondence and in the work of preparation for Councils and Committees. They are of opinion that a trained nurse with wide administrative experience would best suit this purpose, and further recommend that the post be offered to Miss Darbyshire from September 1st, at a salary of £250 per annum. Miss Darbyshire has lately given voluntary assistance in the office, and has proved herself most valuable in helping the Registrar.

They further recommend :—

(b) That the services of Miss Stear, who has hitherto been doing temporary work in the office, should be retained for the present at the same salary (*i.e.*, £3 10s. per week). Her expert knowledge is required to deal with verbatim reporting at the Conference, and the compilation and proof-reading of the printed register, and other important duties arising in consequence of the pressure of work to be got through before the end of the year.

2. The Committee further recommend :—

(c) The purchase of a Card Index for the Registration Room, at a cost of approximately £20.

Furthermore, they are of opinion that the installation of an Intercommunication Telephone (such as the Reliance Intercommunication Telephone) would greatly facilitate the work of the office.

(d) They beg to recommend the Council to sanction one at an initial cost of about £27 12s. 8d., inclusive of the yearly rental of £18 2s. 8d. (Estimates).

3. To report that the Committee have the domestic arrangements still under consideration.

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