

siders it necessary to modify the Syllabus, a definite Syllabus, so modified, would be a much greater value than the most perfect model which would be merely advisory, in effect a mere "scrap of paper."

But, further, under the Acts "prescribed training" is not permissive, it is obligatory.

Registered nurses, on behalf of their profession, cannot too strenuously insist upon their right under the Acts in this particular.

NURSING ECHOES.

We have received the following little letter from Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary. The readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will sympathise with her maternal joy, as they do with their patients of all classes in their hour of happy motherhood.

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The Lady-in-Waiting to the Princess Mary is desired to express to the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the grateful thanks of Her Royal Highness for the copy of the paper sent to her, containing a notice of the birth of her son.

Princess Mary has intimated her approval of the scheme for the restoration of the "Five Sisters" window in York Minster by the women of Yorkshire in memory of all women who laid down their lives in the war. A sum of £3,000 is needed, and this it is hoped to raise by Easter.

The Executive Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses met at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., on Wednesday, February 14th. Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless presided.

Lord Athlone, as hon. treasurer, referred to the serious financial position. At the end of 1922, he said, there was an overdraft of nearly £800 at the bank, and the expenditure for the year exceeded the income by over £4,000. He asked Sir Harold Boulton to bring the position before the Queen's Fund, which was meeting on February 27th, with a request that they would do their utmost to raise an additional sum this year.

The report to the patron, Queen Alexandra, was passed for submission to the Council.

This showed most satisfactory progress in all branches of the work. At the end of 1922 there were over two thousand Queen's Nurses on the roll.

At the Annual Meeting of the Kingston Nursing Association Mr. J. A. Saull, one of the trustees appointed at the meeting, proposed a well-merited vote of thanks to the Matron, Miss Trotter, and the Nursing Staff, and paid a high tribute to their devoted work. They had never, he said, had a more capable Matron than Miss Trotter, who never tired of the work and was always keen on improvement. The nursing staff also was thoroughly capable and loyal, and people came from many parts to see how their work was done. Appreciation of good work is a great incentive to further effort.

The new Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, will, when completed, accommodate 200 persons, and will cost about £100,000. The annual report, commenting on the desirability of reducing the hours of the nursing staff, states that "At present the night nurses work on an average seventy hours a week, and the day nurses sixty-three hours. To render any material reduction of the hours possible the engagement of an additional sixty-eight probationers will be necessary. The annual cost of the additional probationers and Nurses' Home will be about £12,000."

The amount of hard cash presented by nurses to charitable institutions in the past, through their overwork, may be estimated by considering the thousands of pounds which it is now found necessary to expend in order to bring their hours approximately into conformity with humane ideals.

The report of the Leeds Trained Nurses' Institution, presented at the recent Annual Meeting, recorded that under the capable administration of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Sharrock, the difficulty of obtaining nurses had been overcome, and women of ability and experience were readily found.

The fees charged are: for medical and surgical cases, from £2 2s. to £2 12s. 6d.; massage cases, from £3 3s. to £3 13s. 6d. It is matter for some surprise that the Institution can be organised on an economically sound basis on these fees at the present day, if the nurses receive a proportion which will enable them to live in reasonable comfort, and make provision for their old age.

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