

and 1922 in the salaries of the Hospital staff. He maintained that a nurse receiving £80 a year was not being paid excessively when she had to keep herself in dress and other necessities, and at the same time provide for old age.

*Kai Tiaki*, the official organ of New Zealand's Nurses, reports:—

"Miss P. M. Boissier, R.R.C., J.P., has recently been appointed a Justice of the Peace. *Prince Alfred Hospital Gazette* says: 'This is a most suitable appointment, for not only is Miss Boissier a woman of experience and affairs, but she occupies a position in the hospital in which in her magisterial capacity she can frequently be of service to the patients and staff.'"

To quote the *South African Nursing Record*:

"St. Bartholomew's Hospital will celebrate its 800th anniversary next June. There are many daughters of this glorious old hospital in South Africa, and it is the intention of the Editor of the *Nursing Record* to send a message of congratulation on the event. We have thought it would be a nice idea if all the old Bart.'s nurses were to join in a combined message of congratulation, and those who care to do so are invited to send their names to this office before the 12th March, so that all the names may be incorporated in one message. The messages are to be framed under the heading of the different Continents, and it would be particularly apt if we in South Africa who love the old place were to send, so to speak, a national message."

We quote the following paragraph which recently appeared in *Time and Tide*. As the general press boycott of the nurses' point of view on their own affairs is still severe, we have to thank the Editor of *Time and Tide* for the fair publicity he gives to our affairs:—

"The Nursing Profession, many members of which are profoundly dissatisfied with the regulations governing registration and the elections to the General Nursing Council, are to have another opportunity of getting their case reconsidered by the House of Commons. The new Minister of Health has undertaken to ask the Nursing Council to consider amendments which bear on election procedure, put forward by Major Barnett on behalf of registered nurses, and to draw up for his inspection such alterations as they are prepared to make; these amended draft regulations will then be

laid upon the Table of the House. Technical administrative details are not easy for the outsider to follow, and it is sometimes difficult to see the wood for the trees in a search for underlying principles. But in this case it is clear that if the Nursing Profession is to be self-governing in fact and not merely in theory, there should be real freedom in the choice of representatives for the Governing Body; and if any large organisations of nurses feel that their representation as rank-and-file members of the profession is inadequate, that alone is sufficient reason for a reconsideration of the whole matter."

The Air Ministry announces that a few temporary Staff nurses are required for the Royal Air Force Nursing Service. Applications should be addressed to the Matron-in-Chief. For particulars see our advertising columns.

The Annual Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, in University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C. Full particulars will be sent out later, but many of our readers will wish to reserve the day amongst their engagements.

Camp will this year be held at Sandsend from June 9th to 23rd. Bathing, picnics, walks, excursions, as well as comradeship and spiritual help at morning and evening meetings, are to be enjoyed there.

A correspondent writes: "Dear Editor,—Are you or are you not a little intolerant of the nurse smoker? Anyway, I send you a Melville Verse, the 'Pipe Song.' Please publish."

#### THE PIPE SONG.

Care is all stuff:—  
Puff! puff!  
To puff is enough:—  
Puff! puff!  
More musky than snuff  
And warm is a puff:—  
Puff! puff!  
Here we sit mid our puffs,  
Like old lords in their ruffs,  
Snug as bears in their muffs:—  
Puff! puff!  
Then puff, puff, puff,  
For care is all stuff,  
Puffed off in a puff—  
Puff! puff!

It is because some of us want to feel that "care is all stuff" that we crave for a "puff puff." Now you know.

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