

ing to an excellent Syllabus, the new Council and the Ministry of Health are being intimidated by a few inferior infirmaries and withholding the right to a Syllabus of Training from probationers, thus discouraging the right type of woman from adopting nursing as her profession.

Miss Kendall tells us that:—

In addition to the Lectures given by the Tutor Sister, courses of Lectures were kindly given by Dr. Wallace on Medical Work, and Mr. Webber on Surgical Work.

All Nurses passed the Examinations.

The Senior and Junior Nurses' Examinations resulted in Nurses Hallam and Mouncey heading the respective lists.

The following Nurses, all of whom passed the Examinations, availed themselves of the kind offer of the Committee to pay the fees for their respective courses of training:—

MIDWIFERY:—Nurse Edith Bainbridge, Ida Hallam, Jane Stephens, Maud Taylor, and Gladys Williams.

HOUSEKEEPING:—Sisters Ida Lane and May Stephens; Nurses Florence Appleyard and Dorothy Munro.

FEVER TRAINING:—Nurses Dorothy Sampson and Esme Slack.

On the recommendation of the Nursing Committee, the following appointments were made: Miss E. C. Cameron, X-Ray Sister; Miss Mary Dickens, Sister of the Terrace Huts; Miss Nora H. McCheane, Tutor Sister; Miss Fanny Owen, Night Sister; Miss Alice Reid, Home Sister; Miss Eleanor Roe, Out-Patient Sister; Miss Mary Smith, X-Ray Sister.

The new Home is rapidly nearing completion, and although no definite date for the opening can be given, it is confidently anticipated that the Nurses will be in occupation by the end of July, 1923. The new building will provide accommodation for 130 Nurses, allowing a separate bedroom to each Nurse, and for Lecture Rooms, Class Rooms, Sitting Rooms, and many other comforts which they have hitherto lacked.

The Sale of Work suggested by the Nursing Staff towards the cost of furnishing the Home, and held last November, was a great success, and Miss Kendall expresses grateful appreciation for the faithful co-operation of the various Heads of Departments, Nurses, and other Officers associated with her in the work.

The Enfield and Edmonton Joint Hospital Board have, at the request of the Matron,

granted the members of the staff board wages (£1 per week) on holiday. The Board also granted the Matron £20 per annum as uniform allowance.

Mr. John Paton, in a letter to the *Glasgow Herald* re the M'Alpin Nursing Home, incidentally writes: "The large number of patients in wards in our infirmaries necessitates, for example, their being wakened about 4 a.m., so that an overwrought nurse may have all the beds made and everything straight in time for the day staff. From experience as a patient and as a medical man in both nursing homes and institutions I much prefer the nursing home, but agree with Mr. Maylard that all homes should endeavour to be well equipped with modern X-ray appliances, and thereby attract more patients and relieve to that extent our over-congested hospitals."

Surely it cannot be true in these days that night nurses are so "overwrought" that they have to begin ward work and waken the patients at 4 a.m. If so, Scottish infirmaries must be away in the dark ages, and need drastic reform. No wonder nursing is not so popular a profession as it should be.

We wonder when the Duchesses and others who run County Nursing Associations will find time to read the Nurses' Registration Acts; when they do surely they will realise how unfair it is to continue spending thousands of public and charitable funds on training "nurse midwives" who after years of service will not be qualified to register as Nurses. It is time Registered Queen's Nurses holding the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board were alone eligible to fill the position of district nurse. The candidates are never instructed when making their contract how it will deprive them of professional status in the future. Non-wage-earning women should be prevented dabbling in the economic conditions of the wage-earners.

The *Johns Hopkins Nurses' Alumnae Magazine* is, we are inclined to think, the leading training school magazine in the States. It is always full of most interesting items, especially to those of us who know this splendid institution at Baltimore well. Recent changes in the Wards and in the Nurses' Home, contributed by Miss Helen Giddings, include some interesting details. We are told that "even a pupil nurse sees improvements since the time she was a 'pupil.' Every patient on admission is now given a toothbrush and toothpaste

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