

£1 1s. Town members pay £2 12s. 6d., country members £2 2s., and overseas members £1 1s. annually. Single bedrooms cost 6s. 6d. and double rooms 10s. 6d. per night. These charges include service, light, and baths. Gas fires on the slot system are in all the bedrooms, and bed or dressing rooms, including bath, are available at 2s. an hour, for changing for theatres or parties. Breakfast and luncheon *à la carte* are served from 1s. The Club Dinner, which we have heard widely praised, costs 3s. 6d.

The Rules are very simple, and made for the general comfort and good organisation of the Club.

The Secretary, Miss M. F. Steel, has evidently the keen eye of the "commander." Not a speck of dust anywhere—everything apparently in its right place—the lovely flowers arranged by "just the touch."

The International School of Nursing and Child Welfare for Russia, which is non-political, has been formed to establish in Russia a Training School for Public Health and Child Welfare Nurses.

The Committee, of which Sir William Hale-White, K.B.E., M.D., is Chairman, realising the importance of Health Education in all countries (the lack of which in Russia is a grave danger to the whole of Europe), have formulated a scheme for the training of Russian Nurses in the prevention of disease, the welfare of children, and the care of the sick. A scheme for establishing a Training School for Nurses was placed before the Department of Health and Education in Russia some time ago and gratefully accepted.

Among the chief reasons given as the cause of disease and high mortality by the Russian Health Department are:—

"Absence of general knowledge relating to nursing and the care of mothers and children."

"Impossibility of procuring executive *personnel* to give nursing instruction to nurse students."

The scheme includes a Central Training School in Moscow, from where nurses will be drafted to Hospitals, Child Welfare Centres, Homes and Districts, especially in the famine area. The trained Russian *personnel* would remain under the supervision of a visiting Superintendent for some months after appointment, who would advise and help in any difficulties in reorganising the nursing side of the work. The Child Welfare Centres would undertake the care of children up to fourteen years, and provide any necessary treatment of a special nature not obtainable in the ordinary

rations. At the same time they would be training nurses in the care of children, and in the prevention of disease.

The estimated cost will be £10,000 for one year. The Russian Government are supplying housing accommodation, wood, lighting, water, and free transport for equipment and medical supplies. They have also agreed to include the expenses of carrying on the Training School after the Unit leaves the country in their State Budget.

The prospectus states:—

"It is hoped that the people of England will give £5,000 towards the needed fund, and that the remainder will be subscribed from other countries. France has already guaranteed a considerable sum of money, and the scheme is being supported by organisations, private individuals, and nurses in Switzerland, Czecho-Slovakia, America, and Great Britain."

Miss Muriel A. Payne the Hon. Secretary, in a "Report of the Medical and Nursing Conditions in Russia," writes:—

"The Education of Nurses, both in the prevention of disease and the care of the sick, would go far to meet the terrible conditions now existing in the country. Quite 80 per cent. of the deaths among the children could be prevented if the nurses in charge had the knowledge. I studied this question very carefully last year in the area I had under my charge, where we were feeding 67,000 people a day. I was able specially to watch the results with the children in the Homes. Comparatively strong boys and girls died simply and solely for want of special treatment to help them through a period of sickness which should have only lasted a few days. In one Home, where some of the children had dysentery, the Matron fed them on a diet of oatmeal, cod-liver oil, and black bread. The children not yet infected were having their meals in the same room with the sick children. They all soon succumbed. During the whole time I was in Russia I was unable to save the life of one child under a year old, principally owing to the want of knowledge on the part of the women responsible for their welfare.

"There are thousands of people living in the villages of Russia utterly unable to obtain any medical assistance whatsoever. Typhus and such diseases spread unchecked throughout the country for want of education, nurses, and medical care."

When we turn to the Patrons and officials of the movement we find amongst the former a Bishop, the leader of the Labour Party, and a distinguished actress, but no Registered Nurse! A straw shows the way the wind blows. The whole appeal is for highly skilled *nursing*. It would appear that neither politicians, the Church, the Stage, or medical

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