

It is very inconsiderate of Pension Fund nurses not to shuffle off this mortal coil according to Schedule! We know the self-denial during their poorly paid working days which these annuitants endured; and we must remember they are not enjoying *pensions*, but annuities, for which they have paid full business rates. We hope they enjoy their savings for many years to come.

The matron, sisters and nursing staff of the Royal Infirmary, Chester, wish to thank all who in any way assisted them in the promotion of the fair and fête organised by the nursing staff, for the purpose of raising a sufficient amount to defray the cost of furnishing additional staff quarters at the institution, and in bringing it to a successful termination. Major W. E. Townsend Currie, deputy chairman of the board of management, and Mr. Heathcote Williams, a member of the Board, gave a great deal of valued assistance in various directions, as did Mr. J. Rowse Mitchell, secretary of the Royal Infirmary. The nursing staff have been busily engaged during the past nine months in getting together funds to meet expenses. The proceeds, including what was raised in advance, amount to £1,154. The winners of the three watches were Sister Griffith, acting matron, Parkgate Convalescent Home; Mrs. Jones, 55, Lightfoot Street, Hoole; and Mr. J. Pugh, 73, Ewart Street, Mold Junction.

The Southwark Guardians recently received a report from their Hospital Committee, at the Board meeting, stating that they had had under consideration the question of some award being made to the three Probationer Nurses who specially distinguished themselves in the recent examination of Probationers at the Hospital. The Committee expressed the view that the principle of giving prizes or medals to these Nurses was a good one, but in view of the fact that after next year the Nurses would be examined and certificates given by the General Nursing Council, it would appear wise to wait and see whether under that system the Nurses would be arranged in order of merit. The Committee recommended, therefore, that no action be taken in the matter at present, and their recommendation was adopted by the Board.

The findings of the Hull Corporation Asylum Committee, as the result of the inquiry into charges made against the administration at the asylum, were issued on June 30th.

The committee state they are satisfied that there is no truth in the allegation that five, six, or seven persons had been bathed in the

same water. Generally speaking, the regulation that each person should have clean water had been properly carried out.

With regard to the allegation that a patient was improperly confined in a dark room for an undue time without food, as a punishment for a trivial offence, the committee find there is no justification for describing the room as a dungeon, or that the inmate was put there for punishment. The patient was not fit for the dormitory. She was being properly cared for.

The committee state that they had had nothing put before them to justify the belief that the general conduct of the nurses was cruel or hard. They were prepared to believe that there were times when provocation led to hasty acts of ill-temper, but, notwithstanding the allegations made at the inquiry, they are of opinion that the nurses as a whole perform their duties as kindly as circumstances will permit.

We have received the following letter from Miss Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., Sc.D., Dear of the School of Nursing at Yale University:—

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—I cannot tell you how touched, surprised, and pleased I was by the Editorial in the May 19th issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The organisation of the school in connection with Yale University is indeed marking a new era in nursing. My own connection with it fills me with both anxiety and humiliation. The kind messages I have received from my colleagues, and particularly the greeting of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, are heartening and inspiring. I most earnestly hope that I can in some small degree measure up to these wishes and prophecies of my colleagues in nursing.

It would be a great privilege and pleasure if I could meet you all in Helsingfors in 1925. I shall keep it in mind and shall certainly try to encompass it if it is possible.

With warmest remembrances to my dear friends, Miss Breay, Miss Kent, and Miss Hulme, I have the honour to be,

Very sincerely yours,
ANNIE W. GOODRICH.

LAST WEEK FOR REGISTRATION FOR EXISTING NURSES.

We want to impress upon our colleagues that July 14th, in next week, is the last date on which Existing Nurses can register. Do nurses who held a three-years' Certificate before November 1st, 1919, realise they are included in this class? If not, wake up, and see that your Application Form, duly filled in, is in the Office, 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W., before July 14th next.

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