

financial value, inasmuch as it now requires all candidates to be State Registered, thus affording to the public a guarantee of training to which they have a right. Owing to the annual subscriptions paid by the nurses and efficient management, the Howard de Walden Club has, we read, for the last two years been self-supporting.

That mental nurses shall be within the scope of the proposed 48-hour Week Bill is the desire of a Somerset nurse, who draws attention to these hours worked at an institution in that county:—

6.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on five days.

6.30 a.m. to 9.25 p.m. on one day.

One day per week free.

While on duty the nurses are allowed 15 minutes for breakfast, 20 minutes for dinner, and 15 minutes for tea.

We are glad to note the following appreciative remarks of Alderman Frank Sheppard in seconding the Report at the Annual Meeting of Governors of the Bristol Royal Infirmary. He said:—

"Since their last annual meeting they had lost the services of Miss Baillie, who was the excellent matron of the institution for many years, and the committee wished to say how much they appreciated her splendid services. They owed a great deal to the staff for the part they played in helping things to run smoothly. They had been fortunate in finding a good matron in Miss MacManus, who had earned the regard and affection of all those who were working with her."

There has been a most generous response to Badge Day for Jubilee Nurses in Edinburgh. Fine weather favoured the day, and as early as eight in the morning nurses were to be seen selling their badges in the streets, and a little later in the day few people were to be seen without them. At the west end of Princes Street a dainty little Victorian lady, in a white crinoline with touches of pink in her bonnet, and an attendant swain, attracted attention. A procession was formed in the afternoon in St. Andrew Square, and proceeded along Princes Street, Lothian Road, and Castle Terrace, George IV Bridge, Canongate, and other principal thoroughfares. Councillor George Stark, in the official car, led the way, and prominent in the procession was the car on which a nurse was seen busy bandaging a patient, while other nurses held out a big sheet to catch the shower of pennies thrown to them by the public as they passed.

Upwards of £1,000 has already been received.

A nurse in a specially equipped motor-car, who can be rushed to any part of the country at a moment's notice to treat insured policy-holders, is the latest development in insurance in this country, and has been adopted by the Mutual Property Insurance Company in the hope of reducing mortality.

The nurse, Miss Gertrude A. Davies, formerly a Sister at the Grosvenor Square Hospital for Women, has already travelled 6,000 miles in carrying out her duties.

Mr. D. Arlott, managing director of the company, says they have started the scheme in London as a test.

The acute shortage of public health nurses was repeatedly emphasised at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Victorian Order of Nurses at Ottawa. Steps were taken to overcome this difficulty. The report of Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Chief Superintendent, intimated that the chief problems facing the order were the frequent requests for nurses, and the urgent need of extension and development all over Canada. "We have not only no reserve nurses to allow for this expansion, but none to appeal to in case of emergency," the report declared, and added that universities could not furnish sufficient public health nurses even if all their graduates went to the V.O.N., which was not to be expected.

As our readers are aware it has been the generous intention of Americans interested in the development of nursing in France to finance a training school in Paris for French nurses in order that a demonstration might be given of nurse training methods in America. The scheme has, however, we learn not materialised so far, owing to the inability of its promoters to obtain a public hospital in which the school can be located. A private hospital has been offered and declined.

We quote with pleasure the appreciation expressed by Miss Evelyn Walker at the wonderful progress now being made at the *École Florence Nightingale, Bagatelle*.

"This is the third ceremony at which we have assisted at Bagatelle," says the *Bulletin*, "but it is the beginning of the realisation of the complete dream of Dr. Hamilton: a model hospital, a model nurses' training school under model conditions, that is to say, in a beautiful country estate on the edge of a big town. To those of us who have watched this dream develop it was a very enlightening occasion.

"Three years ago the first ceremony, that of the corner-stone of the Rockefeller Dispensary; there was a little group of people all genuinely interested and realising what an important event this really was. Two years ago, at the second ceremony, the laying of the corner-stone of the Nurses' Memorial, there was a much bigger group, embracing representatives from many organisations and a fair sprinkling of the people of Bordeaux. But on this occasion—that is, the 16th of March—the group was much more representative of the people of Bordeaux, because it was not an official ceremony except from the point of view of Bordeaux itself. And we were very happy, for Dr. Hamilton's sake, and the sake of the profession in the future, to realise what an increasing interest is being taken by the Bordeaux people themselves in the progress of the new hospital and school.

"When the building is opened, in about a year's time, we almost expect to see representatives from every country in the world, judging by the advances which are being made as the years go by.

"'Good Luck' to all forces which tend to elevate the nursing profession, to improve the care given to the sick, and to educate the public to help improve health standards, and 'Good Luck,' particularly at this moment, to Dr. Hamilton, because some of us know what patient effort has been behind this event. As was said to me by the wife of one of the Directors: 'C'est le jour de la ténacité!'"

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