

on her way through to the Victoria Falls. Miss Cutler, however, is breaking her journey, and staying at the General Hospital for a day or two on her way back, and she will be a very welcome and honoured guest, as she is so well known in the nursing world, and has done a great deal for the profession.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held at 58, Victoria Street, on June 30th, when Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless presided. Satisfactory reports were received from the various sub-committees. Since the last meeting in April, ten new districts have been affiliated, and the names of ninety-nine nurses have been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses. Long service badges for twenty-one years' service as Queen's nurses were awarded to twenty Queen's nurses. Good progress was reported in regard to the long service fund, which is to provide annuities for Queen's nurses on retirement under certain conditions.

An interesting report was submitted on the midwifery work under the supervision of the Institute for the year 1925. The report showed that 47,926 cases had been attended. In addition, 25,085 maternity cases were attended under medical supervision.

The Tynemouth Joint Hospital Board are arranging for the Annual Re-union of the Nurses trained at the above-named Institutions to be held on Saturday, July 31st, at the Preston Hospital, North Shields, when it is proposed to present the medals to the successful Nurses for the past year.

It is desired to make the gathering as representative as possible, and all such Nurses who have not received an invitation, but desire to be present, are cordially invited to send their names and present address to the Secretaries of the Board at 4, Northumberland Square, North Shields.

An endeavour will be made to provide overnight accommodation for those coming from a distance.

We sympathise with New Zealand Nurses in their disappointment that owing to financial reasons the Otago University has gone back on its promise to establish a diploma course for nurses at the University. *Kai Tiaki*, which makes the announcement, says "apparently the Council did not realize that in doing so, it would be necessary to pay salaries to the teachers in such a course. Although at first it might not have fully paid for itself, no doubt in course of time fees would have brought in sufficient to at least minimise the expense." After the arrangements for the Diploma Course were made, and the Syllabus published, the Health Department, to forward the Scheme, sent Miss Janet Moore, Matron of Waikato Hospital to Bedford College, London, for a course in hospital administration, economics, and nurse training, and Miss Lambie, School Nurse, Christchurch, to Toronto, Canada, to study Public Health Nursing. They were to train and graduate in special subjects related to the higher phases of nursing, and then to be appointed to the Otago University.

The University Council is apparently quite willing to carry out the programme with the sole exception

of paying the two salaries, which it expects the Health Department to pay.

The Minister of Health has therefore decided to send the two nurses round the hospitals of the Dominion to lecture and teach in each. Miss Moore has already started on her mission by commencing at the Wellington Hospital, where she will instruct the Sister Tutor in the best methods of teaching the pupils.

"This arrangement," says *Kai Tiaki*, "while utilizing the special training Miss Moore and Miss Lambie have received does not quite fulfil the object the Nurses' Association at Dunedin, in conjunction with Dr. Falconer, set out to secure by interviewing and interesting the University Council about two years ago. . . . It is therefore a setback and a disappointment, and the fact that the teaching will now be brought to all nurses at the hospitals, instead of to those only who would have gone to Dunedin does not make up for it.

"A special and intensive course cannot be given in a general way to large numbers, as it can be given to those who go to seek it, and are capable of using the special knowledge when gained."

Dr. A. S. Herbert gives some very useful hints in the *British Medical Journal*, on how to minimise the dangers often attendant on taking hot baths, which nurses might hand on to their patients.

He says there are two dangers—*apoplexy* on first entering a bath, and faintness and *heart failure* on prolonged immersion.

Persons with high blood pressure and brittle arteries and those with enfeebled heart should be warned of their own special dangers and shown the measures necessary to minimise the risks.

(a) *Apoplexy*. Before getting right into the bath apply a sponge of very hot water two or three times to the carotids (the arteries at the sides of the neck) and to the nape of the neck. This diminishes the cerebral arterial supply. Then get into the bath and immerse rather gradually.

(b) *Heart failure*. Don't take the bath too hot, and don't stop in too long.

"In cold baths the only risk worth considering is that of apoplexy. Here repeat the process advised, using a cold sponge to the carotids and nape of the neck."

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

A meeting of the sub-committee for the promotion of the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra, with Sir Harold Boulton, Bart., in the chair, has decided to make preparations for an intensive campaign in the autumn. All the county and district funds remain open, and reports received show gratifying results. The Fund, which has the approval of the King and Queen, will be for the further promotion of district nursing throughout the realm under the auspices of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL HOME.

Lord Birkenhead, opening a fête at Gifford House, Roehampton, principally in aid of a seaside holiday for the wounded and disabled men of the above Home, on the tenth anniversary of the battle of the Somme, pleaded for a warm response.

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