

The Nursing Staff of the Middlesex Hospital have added £16 2s. to their subscriptions of £1,607 15s. 5d. previously acknowledged for the reconstruction fund of the hospital; £15 Anonymous; £1 1s., Miss F. M. Hill; and 1/- Nurse Pitman.

Donations amounting to £658 8s. 6d. have been received from the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, and the Territorial Forces since February 9th last in aid of the Nurses' Memorial. Contributions have come from India, Egypt, Africa, and almost wherever the British Army is to be found. It is earnestly hoped that further large sums will continue to be sent, so as to make possible the erection of a memorial worthy of all the heroic and gallant nurses who gave their lives in the Great War. The nature of the memorial is to be a Nurses' Home at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144, Euston Road, N.W.1.

The Guild of S. Barnabas for Nurses will celebrate its Jubilee this summer. It will, alas, not have the visible presence of the Chaplain-General, the Rev. E. F. Russell, who was associated with the late Miss Susan Antrobus in its foundation, the destinies of which he guided for forty-nine years, but the arrangements for the function were much in his thoughts, and were well in hand before his death in November of last year, and will we are sure be characterised by the beauty of ceremonial, and perfection of detail, which he never spared pains to achieve.

*The Poor Law Officers' Journal* announces that two scholarships are being offered in June, 1926, to nurses who are members of the National Poor-Law Officers' Association, Incorporated, to enable them to take one year's training at King's College for Women, University of London, to qualify as Sister-Tutors, viz., the National Poor-Law Officers' Association, Incorporated, Scholarship, given by the Association, and the Manchester and District Poor-Law Nurses' Guild Scholarship, given by the Guild, which is a section of the Manchester and District Branch of the Association.

The value of each scholarship is £150. Both scholarships are open to all nurses who are members of the Association.

Applicants will be required to sit for an examination in general and professional knowledge on Saturday, June 5th, 1926. The examination will be held at a number of different centres.

Application forms, filled in, must reach the Secretary of the Association not later than May 19th, 1926.

Application forms and information can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. John Simonds, 3, Upper Montague Street, Russell Square, W.C.1.

The Report for 1925 of the Ranyard Nurses, the Nursing Branch of the Ranyard Mission (Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.1), just published, is an interesting record of most useful work among the sick poor.

The superintending staff consists of the Home Sister, Miss Williams, and four Visiting Sisters, and there are 60 Nurses in charge of districts, 17 Nurses working at School Treatment Centres, and 7 Supernumerary Nurses who are always employed.

In addition to these there are three or four nurses who can be called upon for odd days and weeks when necessary, and generally several more are engaged for the holiday months.

Dr. E. Graham Little, M.P., has wisely attacked the unsuitable dress apparently exacted at preparatory schools for small boys, and he advocates wide open-collared soft shirts, running shorts (ending above the knee), and light shoes, and states: "Recent observation goes to show that the baldness of the temples and the crown, practically universal in this country in men over 50 but the rarest phenomenon in women, may be conditioned, if not caused, by the pressure upon the blood vessels running to the scalp due to wearing hard, tight-fitting hats, which compress the forehead, and stiff collars, which constrict the great blood vessels in the neck. Air and sun are completely excluded from the body by the usual garments worn by boys and the heavy rigid boots with clump soles are the last abomination," and he pleads "that thousands of boys between eight and thirteen . . . who cannot fend for themselves, shall be saved during the summer months from these dunderhead *impedimenta* which a mere senseless fashion prescribes for them but not for their sisters."

These wise suggestions have called forth from Miss E. Thompson, S.R.N., the following letter *re* young nurses' attire:—

"I would make a similar plea, in this particular, for our young nurses in training in many of our large general hospitals, where stiff collars must be worn, as being part of the recognised hospital uniform, and are a source of unrest and discomfort where the work of nurses means constant stooping over their patients. Soft collars, easy at the neck, would be an untold relief and emancipation, especially in the hot days coming, and would mean better breathing powers and clearer brains for our probationers, whose work, though absorbing and interesting, is strenuous and onerous too."

We note a more and more sensible style of uniform for nurses in the "ad" columns of the foreign Nursing Journals. Folded muslin turbans covering the hair, no wings or strings, one-piece white overalls exposing throat, and with sleeves to elbows, white washing shoes and stockings—trim and hygienic. Private nurses in this country who have adopted this dress inform us that it is no more expensive either to wear or wash than the many piece uniform now in vogue, and can be packed in a much smaller compass. We do admire and approve the turban cover all caps, and the "Eton crop" is just the hair cut with which it is most easily worn. But if this "cut" is disapproved by the authorities the hair can be very easily tucked around the head inside the turban.

Some extraordinary prices were paid in New York recently for Dickens' editions. A copy of "Mrs. Gamp" used by Dickens in his Boston readings, and presented to him as a memento by Howard M. Ticknor, was sold for 1,800 dollars (£360).

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