

Home, as it will appear when the two side wings are erected, and a very harmonious whole it makes.

We quote the following paragraph, as it presents several debatable points:—

THE LEICESTER SCHOOL SCHEME.

League Members will be interested to hear of the school scheme which has been started in Leicester.

Leicester Royal Infirmary was the first provincial Hospital to have a Preliminary Training School, and we hope this scheme will prove as useful and be as widely followed as the other.

The Director of Education for Leicester and the Headmistresses of the four large Secondary Schools met and considered most carefully the suitability of this scheme, and it has now been started.

Girls who are desirous of entering the Nursing Profession are interviewed by the Matrons of the Leicester Training Schools and are medically examined. They continue at school from 16 to 18 years of age, taking ordinary subjects such as English, mathematics, languages, needlework and domestic subjects, and physics, chemistry and biology. They also learn anatomy, physiology and hygiene, sick-room cookery and dietetics. From 18 to 19 years they work at the nursery schools and attend lectures on the normal child and also have a further course in cookery at the Domestic Science College. At 19 years they will enter one of the Hospitals for training, and it is hoped that these years at school with some preparation for Hospital will give more time for practical nursing and will help to relieve the strain of the early years of training.

The Educational Authorities are prepared to give grants to help these girls to remain at school.

Talks on Nursing have been given at most of the Leicester and Leicestershire Secondary Schools and at some schools outside the county.

Parties of girls are taken round the Hospital, and in this way their interest is kept up.

It is obvious that this school course is meeting a need, as there have been a number of enquiries received from individuals and other schools who are anxious to follow the Leicester lead.

We commend the precaution of girls who would be nurses being interviewed by trained hospital Matrons, but take exception to doles for educational purposes, which would be an additional burden on the over-taxed public, especially as there is no security that girls so subsidised will adopt nursing as a career, and more especially as such doles will inevitably subvert the *morale* of the recipient. Surely self-respecting independence of character should be early inculcated in would-be Student-Nurses, if they are to realise professional responsibility. No, *please*, no doles.

Sound Advice.

Miss C. E. Vincent, a former President, in her letter to League Members ends it with sound advice.

"By the time this number of the *Journal* reaches you the Quinquennial Election of Candidates on the General Nursing Council will have taken place, and you, I hope, will have recorded your vote in favour of the One Portal Entrance to the State Register, with the retention of professional control of all Examinations admitting to the State Register."

The Bazaar.

The result of the Bazaar and Sale of Work at Granby Hall, held November 2nd to 5th, 1932, was a stupendous success; it was splendidly organised, with wonderful results. The stalls were all named after the various wards, and the League Stall was appropriately called "The Gertrude Rogers," after the founder of the League, who, we are glad to note, was present; as also Miss Vincent, both former

Matrons. The net result, with donations, including £803 3s. 7d. from the Royal Infirmary Nurses' past and present, amounted to £12,282 11s. 8d. Immediate steps will now be taken to proceed with the major portion of the contemplated new building of the Nurses' Home, which comprise about 80 new bedrooms, which is estimated to cost between £35,000 and £40,000: £10,000 has already been expended in providing teaching rooms for nurses in training, the Preliminary Training School, and rooms in the Nurses' Sick Bay.

The rapid growth and development of the Royal Infirmary during the past 25 years is phenomenal, and the acquisition of the beautiful site, 25 acres in extent, on which stands Overstrand Hall, near Cromer, as the central area of its Convalescent operations—where new Homes for men and women are to be erected without delay—will be the delight of all practical philanthropists. No more exquisite and invigorating environment could have been secured for its beneficent purpose. We remember our first visit to Overstrand Hall. We peeped through a gate and beheld fairyland. We just walked in, and wandered through one of the loveliest gardens in the world. A dear kind lady stepped through the drawing-room window. We begged pardon, were kindly welcomed, shown its floral treasures and stayed to tea!

ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY, PAISLEY, NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Winter Reunion of the Nurses' League of the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, Scotland, will be held in the Recreation Hall, Nurses' Home, on Saturday, January 28th, at 3 p.m.

It is requested that those desirous of attending will notify the Secretary before the 21st inst.

These friendly gatherings of League members are not only enjoyable social functions but are calculated to maintain the *esprit de corps* and prestige of the Nursing School—and in these days are a means of circulating professional information and of inspiring a sense of professional responsibility.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Review and Information Bulletin of the League of the Red Cross Societies reports: News has been received from the Latvian Red Cross of the constitution of a Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee in Latvia for the purpose of raising funds for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

The Committee is composed of the following members: Mr. Paegle, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Akmens, Secretary General, representing the Latvian Red Cross; Mme. Celmins, President, and Mme. Nulle-Seiceniaks, representing the Latvian Red Cross Nurses' Association; Dr. E. Grivans and Miss J. Kushke, past graduates of the International Courses.

The Latvian Red Cross Nurses' Association, wishing to show its appreciation of the International Courses and the influence which they have had upon the development of nursing in Latvia, has made provision in its budget for a contribution of one hundred lats towards the Foundation.

FROM "TOILERS OF THE DEEP."

Faith came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight;
Fear and anxiety, grief and gloom
Sped out into the night;
I wondered that such peace could be,
But Faith said gently, "Don't you see?
They really cannot live with me."

ELIZABETH CHENEY..

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