

for nurses, to increase emoluments and educational facilities, an enormous increase of expenditure will be necessary, and where is the money to come from? Will a probationer's work be counted as an economic asset as at present, will she be expected to pay for tuition, as in times past, or will a national nursing service be instituted, with resulting discipline and efficiency as in the Government services?

The Navy, the Army and the Air Force Nursing Services are an example to the nursing world at home and abroad.

The History Section of the British College of Nurses has, thanks to the work of Miss Bushby, aroused great interest amongst its members and many valuable gifts have been received. Recently Miss Jessie Holmes has intimated that she is leaving Royal letters and papers in her possession to the College. The photograph we reproduce was one which H.R.H. Princess Christian asked for when Miss Holmes was Matron of the Hospital for Officers, at 83, Portland Place, W., during the Great War, and where she gave devoted service during that heartrending time. The British College greatly appreciates such interest upon the part of its members, and suggests others should follow the practical example of Miss Jessie Holmes.

It is good news that Mr. J. J. Crosfield, of Embley Park, is able to report that the committee appointed to raise funds for the restoration of St. Margaret's Church at East Wellow—where Florence Nightingale worshipped in her youth, has received upwards of £1,100, and that the work in connection with dilapidations is most satisfactorily finished. Those of us who have taken an earnest interest in the committee's work for this lovely old Church for some years, are indeed gratified to know that the roof, and fabric inside and out are now in perfect order. The restoration of the frescoes is to be postponed for a time, although the money in hand will enable an expert to restore two or three of them. The restoration of these mural paintings is exceedingly costly work, but we have no doubt it will be done in time.

The truth is, at the moment the Bishop of Winchester is in sore need of new churches for the extending population in his diocese and this need is considered of paramount importance.

We wonder if all nurses know of the Parratt Invalid Transport Service, really a "Bed-to-Bed" Service, the most up-to-date means of rail transport for invalids, by which the patient is conveyed upon the new Parratt Stretcher and not disturbed throughout the journey. Distance is no object, and a comfortable journey can be assured with trained attendance if required.

The standard stretcher in general use is too wide to pass through railway carriage doors, so that in the past invalids had to be lifted into and from the compartment or conveyed in the guard's van. The new stretcher overcomes this difficulty and can be lifted straight into the compartment without the patient being disturbed.



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What is known as the West Ham dispute is, we learn, to be amicably settled. It will be remembered that a Sister was discharged for some quite irrelevant matter. Her case was taken up by the Trades' Union Organisation, and the Council at West Ham has unanimously decided to reinstate the Sister forthwith. Women must not be summarily deprived of their professional reputation and power to earn their living upon trivial disputes between officials. The age of "boss" is dwindling to its demise.

Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay, recently inspected a guard of honour of Moslem women members of St. John Ambulance Brigade before laying the stone of a new Red Cross Society building. Many of these women were heavily veiled as they are in purdah.

On leaving India, Miss Madge E. Abram bids farewell to her colleagues through *The Nursing Journal of India*, in a touching letter of affection and appreciation: "I shall never forget the unselfish work and real enthusiasm which I have met on all sides and in all parts of India . . . through the Trained Nurses' Association. . . . It has been a truly inspiring experience and I feel being privileged to have had contact with so many and such splendid workers."

The director of a large Eastern Psychiatric Institution in U.S.A. writes: "We are badly hampered for qualified graduates. . . . Not only are qualified charge nurses needed, but desirable personnel for the more responsible positions. In fact, it is harder to find a good administrator for a department than it is to get a charge nurse for a ward."

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