

living in lodgings. At last we have had the good fortune to be able to buy a suitable building.

Mr. F. J. Hartland has accepted....our offer of £2000 for the block of buildings between the two roads at Sellicks Green. We get vacant possession of the houses occupied and the other two cottages are let to tenants.....

Including the rent to be paid by the Nurse, we shall have an income...of about £80. We propose to get an advance from a Building Society...of about £900. We have securities which will realise about £500, leaving an amount of £600....

We are now asking for subscriptions to cover this £600.... We have bought the property, the Nurse is now installed and is very happy and comfortable in it. Contributions...to Mr. G.L.Eynon, Sellicks Green, From Trull District to Mr. W.Johnson, Cherry Orchard.

The letter is signed by J.G.Newton (Chairman) and, unfortunately, bears no exact date. There is a tear-off portion at the bottom for contributions to be entered.

It was Mr. Eynon who had proposed making the offer of £2000 for the house and two attached cottages - (originally ^{a block of} four, and eventually ^{obviously} three) at the time of sale, when Mr. Hartland had combined two for his own occupation). Much later still, the would revert to four again! It was not possible to divide the property, as the common drainage system was carried under all the houses.

Some momentous decisions were made at this time and nine resolutions were passed. The property was to be conveyed to Trustees, who would be empowered to raise mortgages and pay legal charges. All existing securities would be sold and the proceeds paid into the Association's account. They foresaw that they would have to furnish, insure, collect rents and perform many other duties.

The accommodation at the Nurse's house (the largest in the row, next to the main road to Taunton) is described as 2 sitting-rooms, a kitchen and larder on the ground floor, with 2 bedrooms, a bathroom and lavatory.

In September, 1947, Mr. Eynon was able to report that £530 had already been collected here and the Trull funds amounted to £324; £200 had been set aside for car-replacement. Rev. Brevelyan, Vicar of Trull, and Dr. Burgess of Corfe were now members of the Committee.

It was a time of great change all round, because the new Health Act was imminent and the old subscription system would cease to exist on July 5th, 1948. When the Act came into force, health services should be free to all.

The Committee wondered whether to enlarge their area again, to take in Culmehouse, for instance, now converted to flats, which had been transferred to Otterford, or to include the former R.A.F. huts up the hill, which ~~was~~ housed several families, but in the end they decided against enlargement. The Annual Report paid tribute to the work of Nurse Lamb, who had had to cope with a considerable increase of cases; the general shortage of nurses made it impossible to get relief. All neighbourhood Associations were having to manage as best they could. Nurse said that she was very happy in her new home, where there was plenty of room to see patients and store her equipment.

A Special Committee was held at Gore Hill, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eynon, on 15th March, 1948, to consider the County Council's proposal for continuing local Nursing Associations under the new Health Act. Would the County pay for the room used as a Clinic, they wanted to know? The County did undertake to deal with the housing and transport needs of nurses, certainly, and the Committee decided in the end to accept the proposed Constitution. So local administration went on, after all, and the funds were to be boosted, as of old, by a Jumble Sale, run by Ereb. Freeman, while Mrs. Crowson was to get up a Whist Drive. The Nurse's home was fixed as the two weeks from April 1st.

In June, it was understood that the Rural District had appointed Major Newton as its representative and that Mrs. Wale would represent the Parish Council. The income of rents and subscriptions (which still appeared to exist) would be used to pay local rates and the money due to the Equitable Building Society and to repair the property, when necessary.

The first meeting of the newly-reconstituted Association was held in the Room at Blagdon Hill at 3 p.m., with Major Newton ~~present~~