

to the same effect. It is of tremendous importance that the poor should have confidence in the management of the Hospital; for many of them, rather than enter it, suffer most needless hardships at home. And it is for this reason that we ask that this servant of the poor may be retained. I observe that only eight out of the thirty-six Guardians were present when the Committee of Investigation made their report; and only twelve were present when the Nurse's resignation was accepted, and only fourteen were present when the petition now signed by one thousand or one thousand five hundred of our townfolk was received. It is to be hoped that one outcome of this discussion will be that for the future some ladies may be induced to allow themselves to be put upon the Board of Guardians. Wherever ladies have served as Guardians their help has been welcomed as most valuable, and no board can now be considered complete without lady members."

THIS is straight speaking and very instructive reading, particularly for those uninitiated in the ways of these caretakers of the town's poor and the ratepayers' monies, and it is just as well that we have a few men like Mr. Sarson to let the daylight into such proceedings.

LAST Thursday there died in Lincoln Hospital a Mrs. Matilda Johnson, of Coningsby, who met with an accident at Kirkstead Station, being knocked down by a train, and very much injured about the head. Mrs. Johnson was formerly engaged for four years at Mrs. Bromhead's Institution for Nurses, and was known as "Nurse Margaret." She had recently been attending upon a patient at Woodhall Spa, and was on her way home when the distressing accident above referred to befel her.

I OUGHT to have mentioned before two items of news, which I have had in my possession nearly a fortnight, but pressure upon space prevented it, although my "Echoes" were more than usually long last week, though I trust not more than usually tedious. The first relates to the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute, and is to the effect that Miss Robin, the first Nurse trained by this institute, has been engaged by the Kilmarnock Nursing Association for the Sick Poor, which thus becomes an affiliated branch of the Institute. Mrs. Ferrier Hamilton is the President, and Mrs. John Blair the Hon. Secretary. Miss Robin worked for a year in the Royal Sick Children's Hospital (Edinburgh), and is qualified to be a "Queen's

Nurse" by two years' training and service in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, three months' training in the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, and six months' training in district work, with attendance at lectures in the Scottish Training Home of the Institute, Edinburgh.

THE second refers to the very successful Sale of Work which took place on Wednesday, the 25th, at the Birkenhead Nurses' Institution, which, as my readers are aware, is under the supervision of Miss Everitt and Miss Florence Smith. A number of the articles were given by the Nurses and servants of the Institute, and the whole affair proved a conspicuous success. The stalls were presided over by the Nurses wearing their uniforms (and I'll warrant they looked nice), consisting of white dresses, aprons, and caps. The special objects of the sale were to provide a Sick Nurse for St. Peter's parish and also to give the sick poor during the winter that which is so necessary for them, *i.e.*, nourishing food. There was a large and fashionable gathering, and the Mayoress, Mrs. Goshenhofer, kindly opened the proceedings in the absence of Mrs. William Laird, who was prevented by illness from being present. The long and the short of the whole proceedings was that the white dresses and aprons and caps worked energetically, and sold out "most everyfing," as Buddy in "Helen's Babies" says, quickly, and the whole affair was a credit to everyone concerned.

THE following, taken from the *Freeman's Journal*, has been sent to me by a correspondent. In a charge of the importance indicated by the communication it would have had much more weight had it been signed by the *real* name and address of the complainer.

OVERWORKED HOSPITAL NURSES.

To the Editor of the "Freeman."

DEAR SIR,—Through the medium of your influential paper I would like to draw attention to the much overworked Nurses at the Armagh Infirmary. Some of them have suffered seriously in health from day and night duty, occasioned by the late disaster on the line. I think it only fair that they should get some extra remuneration to enable them to have a few days' holiday after such close confinement and hard work.

Respectfully yours,
A SYMPATHISER.

Perhaps the Armagh Infirmary officials may have something to say in the matter; if so, I shall be glad to hear their explanation.

I FIND I have just got for a colleague on the *Nursing Record* staff Miss Veva Karsland, the authoress of several successful works, who has taken up the "Women and their Work" columns, I hope for a permanency, as I am confident that

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