

than any other part of the Hospital's work!—Mr. PERCY C. GILCHRIST proposed the referring back of the resolution respecting the Nurses mentioned in the Report, to the Council, for re-consideration. He thought the Nursing Branch of the Institution was most useful, as the Nurse was of equal importance with the Doctor in sickness. He brought forward his motion, because he believed Englishmen disliked anything savouring of confiscation, and that was what the Council's decision came to. He submitted that it was confiscation to make those Nurses who might have come into the Hospital with an idea of afterwards nursing on their own account sign this paper. If they found it necessary to adopt this rule in all future engagements well and good. He thought, however, the Nurses of the Hospital would always have the preference over Private Nurses.—Mr. R. A. OUTHWAITE, Hon. Sec., said the old Nurses, with two exceptions, had signed the paper in question.—Mr. GILCHRIST: Yes, but on the understanding that if they did not sign they would get the 'sack.'—Mr. GILCHRIST'S motion was eventually carried unanimously."

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THE Hospital, and the public generally, have to thank Mr. PERCY GILCHRIST for the courage of his opinions. Certainly a more tyrannical regulation was never framed in connection with its Nurses by any Hospital Committee, and this is saying much. To attempt to enforce it, means collapse to the Hampstead Home Hospital. I am not surprised to read that the Council find difficulty in increasing the number of their

Nurses; one more turn of the sweating screw, and they will find their difficulties insurmountable. It would be interesting to know what salaries are received by the Nurses at this promising young Institution.

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I MUCH regret to hear of the dispute which has arisen at the Lowestoft Hospital, and which threatens to develop into a very serious matter for the Institution. It appears that the Committee, for some reason not yet made public, passed a resolution which appeared to the Matron, Miss HARRISON, to be calculated to "tie her hands in the execution of her duties," and she therefore resigned her post. Her resignation was accepted, whereupon the PRESIDENT of the Hospital also resigned his office, on the ground that the Committee had no right by a simple resolution to over-ride a fundamental rule of the Institution. There is clearly more in the dispute than appears on the surface, and it is impossible to express any opinion on the subject without knowing upon what grounds the Committee were led to pass the resolution in question, and what the exact wording of that resolution was.

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