

has been done, we have decided to send a petition to the Treasurer, asking him to take the matter into consideration. I thought I should like you to know what we have done, so have sent you a copy together with a list of signatures. Trusting you will use your influence in our favour, I beg to remain, yours very sincerely,

ELLEN MAYNE.

DEAR NURSE MAYNE,—You will understand that I was very much surprised at the contents of your letter, which I received on Tuesday evening last. I have delayed answering until I heard from the Treasurer, who was not in town on Wednesday morning. I now enclose a copy of his letter, the original being posted in the Nurses' sitting room. If there is anything further you wish to say on the subject, you can speak to the Matron, or me, on your return, or you can write to me about it. As I had informed you before, the matter was already under the Treasurer's consideration, and no alteration is likely to be made before the end of the financial year. Yours faithfully,

FLORENCE NOTT BOWER, *Superintendent.*

Counting House, Guy's Hospital.

DEAR SISTER,—Enclosed is an application from several Nurses of the Institution applying for an increase of wages. You will be so good as to inform them, that all such applications should be sent through you, and that they have acted wrongly in writing to me direct. Kindly return me the application, with your opinion thereon.—Yours faithfully,

ED. H. LUSHINGTON.

DEAR SISTER FLORENCE,—I'm sorry to find, by your letter this morning, that the Treasurer should think we

have in any way acted wrongly; we simply asked that something definite might be settled at once. As it seems that such cannot be the case, I beg to say that I wish to leave Guy's Institution at the end of three months, which will be Nov. 13th, 1892. I do not know if it is necessary for me to do so, but in case it should be I am sending a notice to the same effect to the Maton by this post. Thanking you for your letter, I beg to remain, yours sincerely,

ELLEN MAYNE.

DEAR NURSE MAYNE,—I have received your letter giving notice to leave the Institution on Nov. 13th, 1892. As that date falls on a Sunday, you will be at liberty to leave on Saturday, the 12th.—Yours faithfully,

FLORENCE NOTT BOWER.

The above correspondence plainly shows two things:—  
1st, That a body of women (Trained Nurses) are to consider themselves entirely under the control of one official without being able in any case to make an appeal to the responsible head of the Institution except through her, however unavailing previous appeals through her have proved to be. 2nd, That so long as a Nurse is willing to work on, and quietly let the best half or more of what she earns go into the funds of the Institution, she may do so, but if she should, as in this case, dare to seek for a measure of justice, she may go, without one word of regret from those she has served conscientiously for eight years. Such conditions might have suited the Nurses of forty years ago, but surely at the end of the nineteenth century, Nurses are entitled to something better. Trusting that the day is not far distant, when every hard working Nurse will receive a fair share of what she earns.—I am Sir, yours faithfully,

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