

says, "Although I think I might easily have shown that Sister was in the wrong in acting as she did, I thought I would sacrifice my personal feelings in the cause of peace. But I cannot help appealing to my friend the RECORD for a little sympathy in the matter."

And yet another complaint on the same subject from a probationer who, in the lightness of her heart, fastened on a somewhat conspicuous bunch of yellow buds and cool green leaves on her spotless apron bib, and whose buoyant temperament and spirits were suddenly reduced to zero by the dictum of a serious Sister "that flowers, even once a year, looked frivolous and un-nurselike."

While it must be confessed that floral decoration of the Nurse's person is a custom by no means to be commended, it certainly would be better to relax so rigid a letter of the law on the occasion of one anniversary. Primrose Day "comes but once a year," and there can be little resulting harm from an innocent little spray of primroses being worn to mark the event.

SOME interest has been created in Sussex by what the local papers sensationally call the "Revolt of the Nurses in the Westhampnett Workhouse Infirmary." From the published account of the state of affairs it was not wonderful that the three Nurses in question did revolt; although one or two prejudiced members of the Board arrived at the conclusion that they would not have done so had "they not been Roman Catholics."

The relation between a natural objection on the part of trained Nurses to bath able-bodied vagrants and the corrupting influence of the Church of Rome is hard to trace, but the rural minds of these gentlemen sitting in judicial array against the Nurses, continually harked back to cries of Popery. And to their minds the solution of all the difficulties of the situation was amply reached by the verdict, "We had better not have Roman Catholics."

And then it turned out that Miss Dennison, the Head Nurse of the revolting trio, was a member of the Church of England. The master gave his evidence and was asked to describe the "peculiarities" of the Nurses. Most trained Nurses would share the peculiarity of objecting to bath imbeciles, and also to take them out for walks, unless they had engaged to perform such duties as a part of their contract. The master said that "the Nurses wanted to be distinct and separate from the other part of the house," which those who are acquainted with the manners and customs of the majority of

country Workhouse Infirmaries will not regard as an extreme instance of eccentricity. In conclusion, the master hazarded the opinion "that the Nurses would like a French cook and an extra laundress!"

Miss Dennison, the Head Nurse, was called before the Board to give evidence with regard to the internal condition of things, which she summed up as "really disgraceful." She stated that she and the two Nurses working under and with her had done nothing else since they held their position but remove filth from the patients and clean dirty heads, and people were still being drafted into the Infirmary from other parts of the house in the same condition. She said they were thoroughly disappointed with the place, which they found in a filthy condition, and that they all wished to leave. She said that the washing of vagrants was usually done by a wardswoman or wardman, that only the washing of patients came under the duties of a Workhouse Infirmary Nurse. Another Nurse confirmed her statements as to the condition of the place, and the unreasonable duties which had been expected of them.

The Medical Officer expressed his opinion that the Nurses knew and had performed their professional work well, but he thought after the friction that had arisen, and as the Nurses had expressed a wish to leave, that other arrangements should be made. Mr. Lovett, a Guardian, said the Nurses had doubtless rendered them a service in finding out these matters, which had been confirmed by the doctor. He supposed they left the service of the Guardians without any stigma upon them? The Chairman said: "No stigma is upon them, they leave at their own request. The stigma is upon us, I think." In which we quite agree with the Chairman.

IN the Hastings Union a "lady Bumble" has been trying to introduce sectarian controversy. The head Nurse in the Union is a member of the Church of England, and a Miss Rogers, a Roman Catholic, was engaged as a temporary assistant. She gave every satisfaction—so much so that it was proposed to engage her permanently. But Miss Love got up and strongly objected to the employment of a Roman Catholic "and denounced the presence of the Romanist Nurse as 'the thin end of the wedge.'" But she forgot to complete the logic of her sentence by explaining which "wedge" she meant.

THE Kingston General Hospital in Canada has been recently rejoicing at the rapid evolution in its walls of the up-to-date Nurse. The training school was established only some eight years

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