

Committee upon the opening day to announce that, once and for all, these faults of management will be swept away.

SINCERE regret is being expressed in Doncaster at the approaching departure of Sister Josephine, of the Mildmay Nursing Institute, from the General Infirmary, in which Institution she has acted as Lady Superintendent for nineteen years. The Committee of the Institution, having regard to the widespread feeling that this is a fitting opportunity of acknowledging her services in some way, have decided to invite subscriptions with the object of presenting her with a testimonial.

WE are glad to learn that in consequence of the resignation of a newly-appointed Nurse, who objected to the work of looking after able-bodied paupers in place of nursing sick patients, the Bedford Board of Guardians are taking steps to alter the duties that will fall to their Nurse. We hope, by this means, Nursing matters at Bedford will become more satisfactory.

THE Totnes Board of Guardians seem hopeless on Nursing matters. At the late fortnightly meeting the report of a Committee recommending the appointment of Nurses Reinard, Heale, and Freer as head and assistant Nurses respectively was adopted. It was stated that "neither was trained or certificated, but all were experienced. The number in the House was reported to be 149." Is it not time the Local Government Board brought a little judicious pressure to bear upon these "guardians of the poor"?

AT the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Swansea Hospital the following high encomiums were expressed in connection with the work of Sister Penllergaer, whose resignation was before the Committee.

Colonel Morgan said he regretted that Sister Penllergaer had, on account of ill-health, been compelled to take that step, and she did so with the sincere regret of every member of the House Committee. She began work in the Hospital as a Probationer, and she had gone through the training and every station and grade in the Hospital up to the position of Sister, and particularly as Sister-in-charge of the operating-room. She had done her work in a way such as to earn the admiration of every one connected with the staff of the Hospital, and in leaving she did so with the most sincere regret. One admirable feature of her work in the Hospital was the quiet and unostentatious way in which it had been performed.

The Rev. Father Philipson said the medical staff would bear him out in the statement that Sister Penllergaer, especially in her work in the operating-room, had proved herself one of the most efficient Nurses in the country. She had rendered admirable services to the Hospital, and it would be exceedingly difficult to fill her place.

Dr. Knight, in adding a tribute on behalf of the medical staff, said that the duties of the Sister of the Penllergaer Ward had been far too heavy, and some change would have to be made before a successor was appointed.

The Rev. Featherstone Kellett suggested that a resolution embodying the views of the committee on Sister Penllergaer's work should be passed.

Colonel Morgan said it was an unusual thing to do, but the present case was such a special one that he had pleasure in moving a motion to that effect.

The Rev. Father Philipson seconded, and the Rev. Featherstone Kellett supported the motion, which was carried.

As the break down of the health of this most valuable Sister has been the cause of resignation, we are glad to observe that, before appointing a successor, the committee and medical staff have been requested "to consider the amount of work the Sister of Penllergaer Ward has to perform."

INTERESTING articles on "Obstetric Nurses" from a medical point of view are now appearing in the *Medical Times*.

IN the independent statement made in the Report of the Vaccination Commission by Dr. W. J. Collins, Vice-Chairman of the London County Council, and Mr. Allison Picton, M.P. for Leicester, there is much which is of individual value to the community. They "feel that the evidence not only justifies, but requires, a more complete reconsideration of the present state of the law as well as the methods adopted in dealing with small-pox. For this purpose it is necessary to review in some detail the history of small-pox and the various preventive measures which have at different times been in vogue, and to scrutinise the grounds on which one alone of these preventive measures has been

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