

Guardians to solve the questions which come before them in connection with nursing arrangements.

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"A DAY OF REST" for the nurses of the London Hospitals and Metropolitan District has been arranged to be held at Hertingfordbury on Thursday, June 3rd. The devotional services during the day will be conducted by the Bishop of Wakefield. The nurses will be entertained by Canon Burnside. Communications should be addressed to him or to the Secretary of the Hospital Chaplain's Union, Rev. A. G. Locke, St. George's Hospital.

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THE Lord Mayor of Liverpool is appealing for funds to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee "by the extension of the nursing institutions in the city, particularly with the view of supplementing the staff of nurses for attending the sick poor in their own homes." It is estimated that at least £30,000 will be required, and this the Lord Mayor asks for with confidence in the loyalty of the citizens of Liverpool.

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THE Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary Management Committee have suggested to the Guardians that as the nurses in the Infirmary will have to work during the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee festivities the same as usual, they should have an extra week's holiday. The committee's recommendations were approved. We hope that Birmingham, whose motto is "Forward," and whose citizens are notable for their liberal and large-minded views, has created a precedent which will be followed by other Boards of Guardians.

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A WARM discussion took place recently at Taunton with regard to the District Nursing Association. The Mayor stated that at a recent meeting a member of the Council had implied a very serious charge as to the manner in which this charity was carried out. If the rumours were, as he considered, unjustifiable, it would be better to attack them boldly, face them, and knock them on the head rather than try to smother them. There were, he believed, some present who believed the rumours to be valid, and, if so, he appealed to them to speak out plainly that evening. It was stated that a rumour had gone through the town that the Church of England patients were better treated than Nonconformists.

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Miss Fisher said she would be glad to hear exactly what neglect was charged against the Association. To her knowledge there had been no neglect whatever. The creed of a patient was never inquired into when the nurse was

sent, and it was only done in cases of serious illness, when they thought it advisable to ask the minister or pastor of the patients to call, and this was done simply by reference to what church or chapel the family of the patient attended.

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Mr. Tipton considered that the Nonconformists who were indebted to the Association outnumbered the Church people, and he knew that the people referred to had the very kindest and most grateful feelings possible for the noble band of ladies who were engaged in carrying out the Christlike work. He was glad of an opportunity to bear witness to the fact that the Association completely lost sight of every consideration but the one of bringing relief and comfort to the sick and dying.

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The grievance seems to be that a young woman in the parish of Rowbarton, at one time a Dissenter, had formally joined the Church of England, it was alleged, owing to the influence of the nurse, Miss Barker. Miss Fisher stated that Miss Barker had nothing whatever to do with the matter. She had nursed the woman, but she herself had in her private capacity as a parishioner in Rowbarton parish undertaken district visiting, and she was responsible for the conversion to the Church of England.

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On being asked if the District Nursing Society was worked on sectarian lines, or merely on the lines of humanity, Miss Fisher asserted that it was worked "strictly on the lines of humanity." Upon the meeting being asked by the Mayor to vote by a show of hands whether it approved of the work of the Association, its approval was unanimously expressed.

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The Mayor is to be congratulated upon his wise decision to "face" the grievance, and his appeal to the aggrieved to state their case. We commend his course of action to the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association as one worthy of their imitation.

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A MEETING of the Omagh District Nursing Society was recently held in this town, when Miss Dunne (head superintendent of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute in Ireland) gave an interesting address upon the origin, progress, and present position of the Society.

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THE Omagh Guardians have decided that the appointment of a trained night nurse in the Fever Hospital in that town is unnecessary. We wonder what the opinion of the patients is upon the subject.

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