

The Judge said the case was an important one. It was most important that a bogus institution should not exist, and, on the other hand, it was exceedingly important that a professional man should not have fixed upon him the stigma of fraud, nor, unless the jury were of opinion that he had committed a breach of contract, should he have fixed upon him the stigma of having broken a contract with a person in a comparatively helpless position. The questions for the jury were, Did the defendant and Sister Hope honestly believe they were able to give the plaintiff the training described, and was the defendant ready and willing to give the plaintiff this training?

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant. Judgment with costs.

We wonder what the verdict would have been had the jury been composed of medical men and nurses.

The Kent Nursing Association.

AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

WE learn with pleasure that the difficulties which have recently arisen in connection with the Kent Nursing Institution have been solved, and that means have been found whereby the Lady Superintendent, Miss Ligertwood, can with dignity reconsider her resignation, and accede to the request of the Committee to retain the position which she has so long occupied with much distinction. We do not propose to enter at length into the merits of the case now happily adjusted to the satisfaction of the Committee, the Lady Superintendent, and the Nursing staff, but we do desire to point out, with the greatest satisfaction, that the nurses of this Institution demonstrated their right to individual and personal liberty of action at the time of the crisis. They have further supported their Lady Superintendent in the course which she adopted, and we do not doubt that the attitude which they assumed had due weight with the Committee. We most heartily congratulate these nurses on demonstrating their right to a voice concerning their own affairs, and, further, that they were prepared, and in a position, to undertake financial responsibility as to the co-operation which they proposed should be started should occasion arise. Miss Ligertwood is to be congratulated in having inspired this loyalty and affection in her staff.

THE following letter was addressed, while the question was under discussion, to Miss Ligertwood, by members of her nursing staff:—

"DEAR MISS LIGERTWOOD,—We, the undersigned nurses of the Kent Nursing Institution, desire to express our deep regret that circum-

stances have arisen which have caused you to tender your resignation after so many years of faithful and devoted service to the Institution.

"We had all hoped to have remained on the staff to the end of our nursing careers, and we still hope that present difficulties may be overcome, and so satisfactorily arranged that you may be able to recall your resignation; but, in the event of your leaving the Institution, we feel it impossible for us to remain. You have always been so much more to us than mere Lady Superintendent, and whatever success we have achieved in our work we feel to be due to the noble, self-denying and charitable example you have always set us in dealing with the peculiar difficulties incident to our profession.

"We have, therefore, after due consideration, decided to ask you to open an institution on co-operative principles, and that you may have no financial risks we have subscribed the sum of five hundred pounds, which we place at your service so long as you shall require it.

"Dear Sister, grant our request, and we will serve you loyally and obediently.

"Thanking you for all your past kindness,

"We are,

"Yours very faithfully,

"Nurses Sampson, Mona L. Piggott, Catherine Trinaley, Sarah Broughton, Adelaide Nicholls, Sarah Blackman, Emily Dinnie, Margaret E. Deeley, Florence McDonald, Florence Gilchrist, Ellen P. D. Sanigear, Minnie Dyer Blaker, Elizabeth Brunt, Annie Lynn Hickmote, Elizabeth West, Annie Belton, Edith Hewlett, Alice Hildred, Ethel Gray, Jessie Hinman, Clara Lees."

A Memorial Ward.

A NEW ward at the Chester Infirmary has recently been opened in memory of Miss Lilian Henderson (of Liverpool), for some time a nurse in the Institution, who died of enteric fever, contracted while nursing a case of this disease. The opening ceremony aroused widespread and general interest; the Mayor and Mayoress of Chester (Dr. and Mrs. Stolterforth), Col. Evans Lloyd (Chairman of the Infirmary Board), and other leading citizens were present. Mr. Killey (of Liverpool) said that in that city they felt very grateful for the opportunity afforded them of perpetuating a memory which was so near and dear to them, and they were indebted to Col. Evans Lloyd, Miss Barrow (Lady Superintendent of the Infirmary), and others, for their co-operation. Such a memorial of a nurse is a most happy one, and the citizens of Chester and Liverpool are to be congratulated upon their action in this matter.

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