

The question of appointing another Superintendent Nurse at the East Preston Infirmary, is engaging the attention of the Board, and they have sent a resolution to the authorities at Whitehall, with a request that the Superintendent Nurse be placed upon the same footing in the matter of suspension as the Master and Matron, to say nothing of the Medical Officer, to whom the Superintendent Nurse is more immediately responsible.

It is right that a Board of Guardians should have the right of suspension of all officers under their control, but we gather that it is the intention of the East Preston Guardians to try to wriggle out of appointing another Superintendent Nurse. Miss Rogers was appointed under pressure, and her life and work made impossible, and Captain Hills has actually suggested "that it was competent for the Local Government Board to sanction the Matron (an untrained woman) being appointed Superintendent Nurse under the circumstances, although she was not a qualified nurse."

After the manner in which Miss Julian and Miss Rogers have been sacrificed by the Local Government Board, there would be nothing extraordinary in giving their sanction to Captain Hills' outrageous suggestion. Both at Croydon and East Preston it is quite inevitable that the poor patients' interests must suffer from lack of discipline and harmony.

At the recent opening of the fine new Richmond Surgical Hospital in Dublin, the Chairman, on behalf of the Governors of the Hospital and House of Industry, took occasion to refer to the good work of the Lady Superintendent, Miss MacDonnell. He remarked that the hospital furnished the entire medical, surgical, and nursing staff of the Irish Hospital, which was sent out to South Africa through the generosity of Lord Iveagh, and a most gratifying fact in connection with that was that they were all back safe and well and present on this occasion. Before he concluded he would like to point out that, for a great deal of the good work they had accomplished in connection with that hospital they were mainly and deeply indebted to the administrative ability of their Lady Superintendent, Miss MacDonnell. They very much appreciated her valuable services, her untiring energy, and her great capacity in the management and direction of that hospital. She had the training and supervision of fifty nurses, and he need not say that her excellent administrative powers had lightened very considerably the responsibilities

and anxieties of the Governors. He might also say that, when the call for nurses from the War Office reached Dublin in connection with the war in South Africa, their Lady Superintendent and several of the nurses were the very first to volunteer; and she, with a staff of nurses, accompanied the Irish Hospital. Those who knew of her work there would testify as to the high appreciation in which she was held, and the invaluable character of the services she rendered as the Superintendent of the hospital equipped by Lord Iveagh.

The cost of the war is now officially admitted to be one million and a half pounds sterling every week, in addition to the ordinary cost of the Army, another £80,000 a day. This enormous expenditure makes one think what could be done, if only we women had a tithe of it for educational purposes. Think of the beautiful training-schools, nursing colleges, and progress we might make, all tending for the ultimate benefit of humanity. Ah, dear! How one longs to make a better use of the nation's wealth than pouring it out like water on this wasteful war!

At the terrible explosion at Griesheim, near Frankfort, noble work was most expeditiously done by doctors and nurses and the salvage corps, who hastened out from Frankfort to the scene of disaster by every conceivable means of conveyance, some in automobiles, packed with bandages, drugs, and anything that might serve as first aid to the wounded. The Germans have perfected their emergency appliances with wonderful method. That was emphasized during the Græco-Turkish War.

We have received and peeped into Mrs. Hampton Robb's new book, "Nursing Ethics," a valuable contribution to nursing literature. We hope to review it at length when space permits and when we have finished the series of articles which we are at present publishing on Dr. Anna Hamilton's interesting Thesis on nursing. In "Nursing Ethics" Mrs. Robb trenches on ground which so far has been left largely untouched, and says well much that needs saying.

A Bill has been introduced into the Assembly of Albany, New York, to restrict nurses from revealing information concerning the ailments and afflictions of patients acquired in a confidential capacity. The obligation of professional secrecy laid by the law on medical practitioners is by the terms of the Bill placed on nurses when acting under the direction of duly licensed physicians and surgeons.

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