

protest to the Matron, and if the matter cannot be amicably arranged, then make a clean breast of it to the Committee. Moreover, the lady typewriters might also object to masquerading in fancy dress.

The inevitable result of the absolute control of the nursing department at the Wallsall Workhouse by its lordly Master, is becoming painfully apparent. It will be within memory that Mr. Totterdell decreed that the domestic and laundry staff should wear the same uniform as the nurses; the nurses promptly resigned, and it was reported at a recent Board meeting, by Dr. Fox, "that in view of possible eventualities he thought it wise to call the Guardians' attention to recent appointments made by the Board. A female nurse and a male nurse had been appointed, who had absolutely no previous experience in such an institution. This was undoubtedly a retrograde step." It is the poor patients who always suffer when professional affairs are "bossed" by Bumble.

The clear fine atmosphere on the other side of the Atlantic makes many things pleasant which we cannot enjoy at home—for instance, think of the Roof Gardens to be found at the top of innumerable houses, and many Nurses' Homes. You are whisked up half-a-dozen stories in the elevator, you then step out on to a flat roof, tiled or sanded, made garden like with flowers and plants, and roofed over to protect you from a gorgeous sun. Chairs and tables are dotted about to say nothing of hammocks, and here a tired nurse, far from the madding crowd, can have a lovely time. Some of the views from these elevations are beautiful in the extreme, and at all events full of life and glow. The picture presents the Roof Garden at the Margaret Fahnestock Home for Nurses in connection with the New York Post Graduate Hospital.

The resignations of Miss Wilkie, Matron of the New Union Hospital at Halifax, and also of Miss Bolton, the Assistant Matron, and seven charge nurse, pique local curiosity, as no reason has been publicly given by these ladies for their action. This institution has taken such a leading part in defining a high standard of training for Poor Law Infirmary nurses in Yorkshire that, whatever the cause, all must regret the resignation of excellent and progressive officers.

The new district Nurses' Home at Blackburn is now inhabited, and was recently thrown open for inspection, when the Superintendent, Miss Chadwick, most kindly showed many visitors over it. The Home has been constructed on the most modern lines, everything necessary to its

successful working having been brought into requisition. The numerous rooms are neatly yet simply furnished, and we can assure the public there has been no extravagant expenditure of their money. The old Home was altogether inadequate for the requirements of the inmates. Now, however, the Superintendent, and six other nurses will be able to live in greater comfort, and thereby better serve the sick they go out to help.

The Local Government Board has its work cut out in providing an antidote to an ailment known as "swollen head," to which workhouse masters and matrons appear peculiarly prone, and from the lengthy investigations at the Dudley Workhouse into the friction between these officials and Superintendent Nurse Newbury, we should gather that it rages in a most virulent form at that institution.

Miss Newbury is a trained nurse and a disciplinarian, with the inevitable result that every shirker of duty appears to have combined to make her position intolerable. She has, however, done wisely to take a firm stand, and it is to be hoped that she will receive the support which is her due from the Local Government Board. After its decision in the Croydon and East Preston cases, it is not surprising that superintendent nurses find it less damaging to their reputations to resign rather than attempt to reform the nursing in workhouse wards, subjected, as they often are, to the bullying of grossly ignorant and underbred officials.

Some correspondence in the daily papers from men at the front, deals unpleasantly with the conduct of certain nurses on active duty—exception is taken "to their gadding about with officers and doctors, instead of giving some attention to their duties." "Gallop across the veldt with officers on horseback," was also objected to when a Sister said, "she had no time to attend to the dressings."

This shows how a few foolish women reflect discredit upon hundreds of conscientious and devoted colleagues, and how careful Army Sisters should be not to give cause of offence.

We have seen photographs of Sisters at the front in uniform with up-raised petticoats just starting off for a race. It had a rowdy look; we didn't like it—no actual harm perhaps, but quite sufficient to prejudice a sick "Tommy." These things are matters of taste and discipline, and it is to be hoped that in any future war we may have a really efficient Nursing Service organized, from which much of the questionable material hastily sent to South Africa by unprofessional persons, will be rigorously excluded.

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