

present instance, means apparently that the cost of nursing in the male-nursed ward will be increased by at least one-third.

The site for the removed King's College Hospital—twelve acres, at present called the Sanders Estate—is at the foot of Denmark Hill and near three railway stations. It has been presented to the hospital authorities. We shall look forward to a magnificent nursing school in connection with this new hospital.

Edward Brooks, whose name is well known to nurses in connection with a series of frauds upon them in 1897, for which he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude—his practice being to engage them and then disappear with their luggage—has not long enjoyed his liberty. He has now been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for crimes committed since his discharge in 1901.

The Swansea Hospital officials and staff do not seem to form a happy family. At a recent Board meeting Dr. Brook called attention to a restriction enforced on the Matron of the convalescent home, that no meals were to be served to her upstairs, and thought such restrictions harmful. Miss Dillwyn asked whether servants were to be kept to wait on their Matrons. Mrs. Elsworth remarked that a good Matron should have consideration extended to her. Dr. Brook thought there was too much poking of noses into matters, but Miss Dillwyn said she only discovered the matter by accident.

We have not in the past always seen eye to eye with Dr. Brook, but we are entirely in accord with him in the present instance. If valuable officials are to be retained by institutions, they must be treated generously and allowed a reasonable amount of liberty. That it is not only the Matron of the convalescent home who finds the restrictions vexatious is evident from the fact that at the same meeting Dr. Lancaster drew attention to another rule forbidding the resident medical staff to have guests in the hospital, which, he said, was a direct insult. The Rev. J. Pollock said the Board were treating the staff like little children, and the sooner a committee of investigation was formed to go into the matter the better. Dr. Lancaster said he could not, in the presence of the Press, tell the real reason of the friction, but he would satisfy a sub-committee in one sentence. A sub-committee was formed, with power to act and to accept the resignation of Dr. Edwards, another recently-appointed member of the staff, and advertise if necessary.

A conference between representatives of the nursing profession and the sub-committee of the Citizens' Coronation Committee took place last week

in Dublin. Mr. Andrew Beattie, J.P., T.C., presided. The nursing profession was represented by Miss MacDonnell, Richmond Hospital; Miss Hampson, Portobello Hospital; and Miss Kelly, Steevens Hospital. The members of the sub-committee present were:—The Hon. Sir Frederick Falkiner, Recorder of Dublin; Sir William Thomson, C.B., M.D.; Mr. William Fry, jun., J.P.; Sir Andrew Reed, K.C.B. The draft rules of the Society, prepared by the sub-committee, were submitted to and fully approved of by the nurses' representatives. It was decided that a meeting of the Executive of the Citizens' Coronation Committee should be held at an early date to consider the draft rules as approved of.

Mr. H. N. Brailsford, the Hon. Agent of the Macedonian Relief Fund Committee at Ochrida, gives a terrible account of the sufferings of the people there, and says: "Some of the wounded from Velgoslett are still here in Ochrida, gathered in a house which has been made into an improvised hospital with such poor means as the Bishop could spare. We found it in an indescribable condition. The whole house reeked of dirt, the floors were unwashed, the matting alive with vermin.

"The patients, attended spasmodically by peasant women, lay huddled in their clothes under filthy coverings on filthier mattresses. There were two women and girls, all of them with bullet wounds. One had received six bullets. One shot had pierced a woman's thigh and her baby's foot. One old woman had lost two fingers. A young girl was wounded in the forehead, and a little boy in the throat.

"There was no food to be had save bread, and when we arrived there was neither fuel nor water in the house.

"With great difficulty we have contrived to organise a rather better state of things. The doctor now attends daily, a reliable woman is in charge; the house, the clothing, and the patients are fairly clean. New bedding is nearly ready—nothing can be bought ready-made in this town—and we have contracted for a regular supply of good food as well as for water, fuel, and disinfectants.

"The doctor thinks that in a month most of the patients will be cured—otherwise we should have asked the Committee to send out a doctor or a nurse. I am afraid that now medical help from England would arrive too late."

At the inquest held at the Crewe Cottage Hospital on the body of Nurse S. L. Hodgkinson, whose tragic death we reported last week, evidence was given showing that the deceased nurse was depressed by learning that she was consumptive. The jury found that death was due to injuries caused by leaping from the train while she was temporarily insane.

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