

hour of social intercourse concluded the proceedings.

The Brighton Education Committee has decided to appoint a trained nurse as school attendant. It is thought by attending to minor complaints which cause irregularity she will be able to improve the attendance at school.

In reply to a communication from the Lisburn Board of Guardians, the Clerk of the Union (Mr. William Sinclair) has received a letter from the Local Government Board, Dublin, stating that they have not a list of hospitals recognised as schools for the training of nurses, but when the certificate of training of any nurse who was elected by the Guardians was forwarded to them they would consider whether it could be accepted as a proof of the qualifications required by the Nursing Order of July 5th, 1901. For the information of the Guardians, however, they added that amongst the institutions which had been recognised by the Local Government Board for the training of nurses under Article 2 (a) of the Order in question were—the principal Dublin hospitals; the North and South Charitable Infirmaries, Cork; the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Union Infirmary, Belfast; the Waterford Union and County Infirmary—joint scheme. In addition, the Local Government Board recognise the certificates of the Antrim, Down, Tyrone, and many other county infirmaries; Barrington's Hospital, Limerick; the Union Infirmaries of Lurgan, Clonmel, &c., in respect of nurses qualified under Article 2 (b) of the Nursing Order above referred to. State Registration of Nurses would do away with this uncertain and unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

At the annual meeting of the Bangor District Nursing Society, the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, president, presented a very satisfactory report. Miss Connor, the untiring hon. secretary, read the report of the Executive Committee, which stated that during the year Nurse Borlase had attended 191 patients and paid 4,688 visits. Lady Hermione Blackwood during the seven months she had been on duty in the Clondeboye district had nursed forty-eight patients and paid nearly 600 visits.

Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, who was present, gave a very bright, instructive, and interesting address on the subjects of district nursing and the Registration of Nurses. She advocated the appointment of a Nursing Council, which could define the minimum standard of training for nurses which alone could be considered satisfactory. They could also institute and maintain a Register of Nurses, upon which those having the minimum standard of training would be allowed,

The Banbridge Board of Guardians appear a very feeble folk. Instead of compelling their recalcitrant nurses to behave in a humane and disciplined manner, they grant one at least of the staff three weeks' holiday! We are not, therefore, surprised to hear that Mr. James Wallace reported that it was the opinion of the public that the nurses were going to dominate over the Guardians entirely, nor that he suggested that the matter be submitted to the Local Government Board for their opinion as to who was going to have charge of the workhouse.

Mr. Arthur Atkinson said it appeared that the medical officer had no authority, and the Guardians had no authority, to order the nurses to go out with the ambulance, and he had been informed that the night nurse who had consented to go had been subjected to a series of persecutions for the action she had taken, for which she was thanked by the Board. He understood that she had complained to the doctor, and if that was the case the Board should take notice of it, and save her from the persecutions she had been enduring the past week.

We can only hope that these men will have the courage to punish severely any nurse who can be proved to have bullied a colleague for doing her duty. The truth is that the nurses should be made to behave with common humanity, or be called upon to resign.

In the triennial report of the visiting nurses' work in connection with the Associated Charities of San Francisco, Miss Lucy Fisher gives a remarkable instance of the practical manner in which the district nurses of the city have developed into auxiliary health inspectors. Fumigation had followed a case of small-pox, but the nurses reported to the Board of Health that in that house the family had been afflicted during the year with measles, pneumonia, diphtheria, and small-pox; that, in defiance of the city ordinance that only one wall-paper at a time should be on the wall, eleven layers were on one wall; and that the plumbing was far from the standard required by law. In the result, the landlord was compelled to put in new plumbing and tear down the accumulation of wall-papers with their concentrated germs.

*Una* says that most of the nurses from the Melbourne Hospital "rolled up at the polling booths on the day of the Federal elections." The majority did not vote for the medical candidate.

The nursing staff of the Melbourne Hospital have had a badge designed in the shape of a neat little brooch. The badge has been registered, and none but certificated nurses of the hospital can procure it.

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