

and boilers, placed in charge of a man in each section. A nurse can go to these ranges and boilers (or special Sisters may be told off for this purpose) and cook a bowl of arrowroot, boil an egg, or obtain boiling water whenever required by day or night."

Incidentally, this shows the necessity for an adequate knowledge of sick-room cookery on the part of Army Sisters and nurses, and the need for giving instruction in this art an adequate place in the training-school curriculum.

The York Board of Guardians are to be congratulated on having tendered their sincere thanks to the Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary for her services in successfully preparing the nurses for their examination. The services rendered by Matrons and Superintendents in this respect too often escape recognition.

The Committee of the Norfolk and Norwich Staff of Hospital-trained Nurses, in presenting their annual report, record with regret the resignation of their late Matron, Miss Creighton, and take the opportunity of thanking her for the work she accomplished during her time of office. Miss Blanche Sykes, a lady of considerable experience, also a fully-trained nurse, has been appointed Matron. During the year a branch home has been opened at Lowestoft, which accommodates seven nurses, and is under the superintendence of Mrs. Puddicome.

At the annual meeting of the District Nursing Society, Newport, Isle of Wight, it was reported that Nurse Robertson had during the past year paid 4,473 visits. The nurse, who has been with the Society nearly five years, has had a very busy year; the number of cases and long attendance on serious ones has made the work very trying, and the committee feel that Nurse Robertson has done her duty in a praiseworthy way, devoting herself unsparingly to her patients. The Committee, doctors, and subscribers, as well as the patients, continue to appreciate the nurse. It having been brought to the notice of the Committee, by those who were competent to judge, that a maternity nurse was required for the good of the poor, after due and careful consideration and consultation with the doctors, such a nurse has been engaged to work in the borough. In the matter of funds for the new undertaking, a guarantee fund was started. The Board of Guardians were approached, and they have decided to work with the Committee. A charge will be made for each case, so it is hoped in time the nurse will be self-supporting.

The St. Thomas's Board of Guardians, Exeter, have decided to subscribe £5 annually to the Exmouth District Nursing Association. The Chairman of the Board (Mr. Buckingham) said it was impossible for them to spend £100 a year or

even more, if necessary, in a better way than by seeing that the sick poor were properly nursed. It was just as much the Board's strict duty to see that nurses attended the sick poor as to see that a doctor attended them. The Guardians were clearly responsible in the matter.

The Local Government Board for Ireland, having been asked by the Banbridge Guardians to hold a sworn inquiry into complaints made in connection with the nursing arrangements in the workhouse, has intimated:—(1) In relation to the alleged dismissal of Miss J. Fenton, employed temporarily as nurse in the workhouse, as the medical officer is responsible for the care of the sick under his charge, and Nurse Fenton was only temporarily employed at a time when the work was unusually heavy and he considered a more active nurse was desirable, the Board do not see what useful purpose is to be served by holding an inquiry into the matter. (2) With respect to the statement that Superintendent Nurse Johnston attends private patients outside the workhouse, the Board thinks that the Guardians should ask that officer for an explanation on the subject. In regard to a third allegation, that charges of a more serious nature would be brought out in the course of an inquiry, the Board considers that these charges should first be specified, and then investigated by a committee appointed by the Guardians to consider the matter, and their report be submitted to the Local Government Board. Mr. Atkinson subsequently handed in a notice of motion at a meeting of the Guardians to the effect that on that day two weeks he would move that the Board of Guardians take into consideration and condemn the action of those officials who dismissed Nurse Fenton and employed Nurse Steele in her place in the workhouse hospital.

The Cross of the Legion of Honour, a coveted distinction in France, has been bestowed on two Sisters of Mercy—Sister Augustine and Sister Julitte. The former, who belongs to an old noble family, was a Mdle. Le Gui de la Vilette. Her sympathy with suffering induced her to become a Sister of Charity, and for the last forty-two years she has laboured incessantly amongst the sick. For the last fifteen years, says a contemporary, she has worked in the hospital at Pau, where she has been the confidant and consoler of many a poor soldier. Last year a terrible typhus epidemic broke out in Pau, and Sister Augustine nursed the thirty-two patients carried into the hospital. For many weeks she wrestled with death, and thanks to her incessant care twenty-eight out of the thirty-two were saved. But when the last man had left, she in her turn was struck down, and for some days was at death's door. When, however, the chief medical attendant insisted on her spending a few weeks in the country with her

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