

under which a nurse is set apart specially to attend Jewish cases. He emphasised the importance of the work of the Jewish Board of Guardians, which not only maintained its own poor but assisted every other deserving form of charity. We are glad to hear that owing to the action of the Jewish Board it is possible to make a reduction in the staff, and consequently an increase in the salaries of the nurses. The Lord Mayor also spoke in cordial terms of the work of the nurses, and said he was astonished how they managed to get through the work of a district of such immense range and such abnormal poverty.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the officials at the annual meeting of the Victoria Hospital, at Blackpool, Alderman J. Bickerstaffe said everyone of them took a deep interest in their work, and gave a great deal of time to it. He mentioned that Miss Peel, the Matron, did much work quite outside her official duties, and the Board and the subscribers—and much more the patients—were greatly in her debt, and Mr. Loftos, replying on behalf of his colleagues, spoke in eulogistic terms of the labours of Miss Peel, apart from her duties as the Matron. It is nice when one works hard to have it appreciated.

We are pleased to note that the good work of Miss Smith, the Superintendent Nurse at the Guildford Union Infirmary, has received recognition both from the Local Government Board Inspector and the more intelligent Guardians. There has been a good bit of fuss and interference lately with the nursing department, which makes a Superintendent's work very difficult. Mr. Coe, evidently a man of sense, remarked at a recent meeting of the Guardians, "They now had a Superintendent Nurse who wanted the nurses to do their duty, and they knew as business men that when things had gone down a bit they had to pull them up." We consider it very undesirable for Guardians to entertain the nurses to meals, and discuss the affairs of the institution with them. It is subversive of discipline, and undermines the authority of senior officials.

The Orthopædic Hospital of Ireland is doing most useful work in Dublin, and we learn that it is well up-to-date in its treatment. The Committee in their annual report particularly draw the attention of the Governors and friends of the hospital to the excellent work done at the Gymnasium during the last twelve months. Miss Mabel Dickinson, who is a qualified and skilled medical gymnast and masseuse, con-

ducts a daily class in which each pupil is personally instructed and treated. The Gymnasium has recently been refitted with the most modern and approved Swedish apparatus. Free evening classes are being held to instruct girls in health exercises. The Gymnasium is open to the public. Cases sent by any medical practitioner can be treated by Swedish Drill, Curative Gymnastics, and Massage, either under their personal supervision or according to their instructions given to Miss Dickinson.

A correspondent, writing on s.s. *Suevic* six days off Albany, West Australia, says:

"I have been looking over the hospital arrangements on board. They seem quite good, but there is no trained nurse, and from the beginning we had two sick men, one an old gentleman who died within a week; the other the quarter-master, who came on ill with pneumonia but said nothing, worked for a couple of days, and then collapsed. He also died. The doctor was up with him for nights, but there is a lady trained nurse passenger, and she took the case on. No ship of this size should go to sea without a trained nurse on its staff. The doctor says the same, and indeed it is sufficiently obvious. There are quantities of children and babies, as well as adults. I wish you would air this well."

The Matrons' Council took the initiative in pointing out to the steamship companies as long ago as July, 1900, their duty towards the public in this particular, but, so far, the matter has not been satisfactorily dealt with. A cross between a stewardess and a nurse (because such workers are cheaper than the thoroughly trained woman) is now a feature on some steamers, but the only solution to the difficulty is the appointment of a first-class professional nurse, giving her the status of other first-class officials. Considering the wealth of the great liner companies, there is no excuse for further cheese paring when life and death are concerned.

Lady McCallum, wife of the Governor of Ceylon, appeals for funds for the support of the Ceylon Nursing Association. The Association was started some 14 years ago, and has done most useful work. It is now proposed to raise a sum of £5,000, in order to build a small hospital, designed on the best approved lines.

Miss Harriet Fulmer, Superintendent of Nurses of the Visiting (District) Nurse Association of Chicago, informs us that a Conference of Visiting Nurses of America is called to meet in Chicago on Saturday, April 25th. This

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