

and was entirely self-supporting—handsome salaries and bonuses having been earned by the Nurses. In fact, we believe the Committee wisely takes none of the Nurses' fees for the hospital expenses, and thus set an excellent example to other institutions who still consider the appropriation of half the Nurses' earnings a justifiable system.

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We reported some weeks ago that it had been proposed by the Committee of the Lambeth Infirmary to abolish the post of Superintendent of Nurses and Assistant Matron, owing to the friction which had arisen between that official and the Matron. We pointed out that as the Assistant Matron was independent of the Matron, friction was unavoidable, and we suggested that as the Assistant Matron had resigned, the post should not be abolished, but that the new officer should be appointed subject to the control of the Matron. We are, therefore, pleased to hear that, upon the advice of Dr. Downes, of the Local Government Board, the Committee have recommended the Guardians to adopt this course, and we hope that entire harmony will reign in the Institution in future, the Matron of the Lambeth Infirmary having gained for herself during her twenty years' service the respect and affection of all her subordinates.

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By the narrow majority of one the Woolwich Board of Guardians rejected a resolution moved by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, and seconded by Mrs. Harbour, at the Board's last meeting, that the post of Superintendent of Night Nurses, an appointment sanctioned by the Local Government Board, be filled by a person who had received special training in a Hospital or recognised training school for Nurses for a period of three years. None of the Infirmary Nurses, it transpired during the discussion, had had special Hospital training, and none of them, the medical superintendent said, were equal to a trained Nurse. Dr. Lindow supported the resolution on the ground that the training in Hospitals was far superior to that of an Infirmary, the Rev. C. E. Escreet truly observing that there was as great a difference between trained and other Nurses as there was between a doctor and a chemist. From no higher standpoint than that a stranger would stop promotion of their own Nurses, Messrs. Squires, George Webb, Syer, Irvine, and Lawson spoke against the Rev. C. E. Escreet's motion, with the result named—a result which is deplorable for the sake of everyone concerned.

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THE Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the North Infirmary at Cork

met lately to consider the project already before it of having, under the Sisters at the North Infirmary, a school for the training of Nurses, not only for the benefit of that Hospital, but also for the advantage of the entire city. After a careful discussion of all the points at issue, it was unanimously decided to have the Nursing school attached to the Infirmary.

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We welcome this as a most hopeful sign of the times, and feel sure that if started upon a proper basis, a Training Institution inspired by the proverbial devotion of religious Sisters, may develop into an ideal school for those desirous of devoting their lives to the care of their sick fellow creatures. We venture to hope, however, that the technical education of the probationers in this Roman Catholic Nursing School may be founded on a wide and professional basis.

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A SCOTCH Correspondent writes:—

"It is not usually expected that patients in Hospital will increase very greatly in weight, and it would argue well for the management, especially of the kitchen, and dietetic arrangements, when this is the case. At the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary it seems from observations taken and recorded last year, that 90 per cent. of the patients increased in weight, some of these adding on 14 pounds to their normal stones. But, in spite of such an exceptional state of things eight men were ungrateful enough to abscond! There are some people who never appreciate when they are well off.

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The reputation of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Training School is sustained, as shown by the fact that during 1894, 746 women applied for entrance as probationers. But of the many who called few were chosen, only thirty-nine being admitted, the number being narrowed further still by seven being sent away as unsuitable. It points to a rather alarming overstocking of the profession when so vast a number of young women apply to one Hospital, but it points the moral of how very easy it is to keep up a high standard of training when the supply of recruits is so unlimited.

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At first sight the relation between coal strikes and Hospitals would seem most remote, but the managers of the Edinburgh Infirmary were left lamenting last year at the lamentable falling off in the receipts of the Institution owing to the great strike among the Scotch miners. Colliers are proverbially good-hearted, and easily part with their money on slight persuasion. And they are ever ready with their coppers and their silver to help to maintain the splendid Infirmary of Auld Reekie."

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