

this appointment, and now the Nurses think they can adopt a similar attitude.

Mr. Bisley: We all know the person who is at the head of this. We don't go to the Institution with our eyes shut.

Mr. M'Carthy said it was evident the servants of the Board wanted to be masters of the situation. He supported the motion.

Mr. Ecroyd said six Nurses had resigned this week. No doubt this had something to do with the fact that the petition had been ignored by the Guardians. He thought it would be better to let the matter drop now that the opinion of the Committee had been conveyed to the Nurses.

Mr. M'Carthy: If the whole twenty-four Nurses like to go, let them.

The motion to refer the matter back to the committee for the detection of the ringleaders was carried.

Subsequently the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. E. Buckley: "That Marie Helden be appointed Probationer Nurse at the Infirmary, at a salary after the rate of £12 per annum, rising at the expiration of one year to £16 per annum, together with rations, washing, lodging, uniform, and £1 18s. per annum in lieu of beer, for her services, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction thereto." *

It is stated that the new President of the Local Government Board intends to seriously consider the subject of the Nursing of the sick in Workhouse Infirmarys. It is hoped that the long-needed reforms will be instituted, and that the position of the Matrons and their authority will be defined and strengthened. *

It is hoped also that the President will put in the hands of Infirmary Matrons the appointment and control of the whole female Nursing Staff. The present system of Boards of Guardians selecting and appointing Probationers and Nurses is most unsatisfactory, and provides loopholes for troubles similar to those which have arisen at St. Olave's Infirmary. We have lately heard of a Board of Guardians, wishful to please some "favourites" among the Nurses, enacting that leave should be granted to them till 12 p.m., and it was only by the exercise of strong pressure and tact that the Matron was enabled to get the rule rescinded in accordance with respectability. *

We are glad that attention is being called in the medical papers to the pernicious custom of untrained assistant Nurses being appointed on Smallpox Hospital ships. It is true there may be difficulties in the way of obtaining the staff for duty on these ships; but such difficulties must be overcome conscientiously. There is no excuse for putting patients who are forced into these Hospitals under the care of untrained women; and it is also a hardship on the trained Nurses in charge to provide them with absolutely raw material as "assistants." *

At a meeting of the Manchester Board of Guardians some discussion arose as to the erection of a new Nurses' Home. The plans were submitted and subjected to some criticism on the score of their expense; and a suggestion was made that a Home should not be built, but that the pupil Nurses should be accommodated in some dwelling near the workhouse.

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Mr. Russell said he had every desire to save money and to be a guardian of the poor ratepayer. At the same time, he felt very strongly that they must provide better sleeping accommodation for the Nurses. Mr. Rooke said the Nurses were engaged in an arduous and depressing occupation, and it was the duty of the Guardians to give them the best accommodation they could, consistently with their duty to the ratepayers. Better accommodation ought to be provided, and at once. It was suggested that the pupil Nurses should be given up. He, on the other hand, held it was their duty to the ratepayers and the community to help in the training of Nurses. The Chairman said that the fees paid by the pupil Nurses would in five years meet the whole of the suggested expenditure. Mr. Andrew: What about their rations? Mr. Russell: But what about their services also? The Chairman said that in regard to the alterations and conveniences it was proposed to provide for the Nurses, he was in entire sympathy with the Sub-committee. Considering the kind of work the Nurses had to do, and the responsibilities placed upon them, he thought the Guardians should see that the very best accommodation should be provided for them. After some further discussion, the proposal of the Sub-committee that the Nurses' Home should be built, was adopted. *

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THE Nursing system at the Coventry Workhouse is evidently in need of reform, and sundry discussions on the subject, amicable and otherwise, have arisen between the Guardians. At a recent weekly meeting a resolution was moved by Mr. Stevens that the Board either appoint a qualified night Nurse or divide the duty between the present Nurses. Miss Hurlston seconded, and said the Board would be wanting in common humanity if they did not vote for the provision. Several members strongly protested against such treatment, and Mr. West said he gave way to no one in his care for the sick poor. Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Poole, Mr. West, and others pointed out that no complaints whatever had been made of the present system. Mr. Wincott observed that the memories of these members must be very short. A short time ago the members dealt with a case where an inmate of the Infirmary was removed to Hatton, and on his arrival at the asylum was found to have a broken rib. The injury was traced to the Coventry Infirmary. (Loud cries of "No.") Mr. Stevens said the members had agreed that the man had his rib broken in the Infirmary. ("No, no.") Mr. Wincott observed that before the Board a man eighteen stone in

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