

THE Charge Nurse and three other Nurses of the Stroud Workhouse have sent in their resignations without assigning any reason, the Nurses having "declined to make any charge against anybody." The Board has very properly decided to make investigations.

WE are glad that a Trained Nurse sent a letter of protest to the periodical we recently quoted, which described a Nurse's duties as loathsome and revolting.

THE Rev. W. Hawksly deserves the thanks of the community for the resolution he is bringing before the Annual Meeting of the subscribers of the Portsmouth Hospital, which will have the effect, if carried out, of adding to the Committee of Management four women, of whom two will become members of the House Committee. He very wisely says, "In consideration of the large Nursing staff, the number of domestic servants employed, the anxious responsibilities of the ordinary household management, and, above all, of the existence of the lock wards, there can be no question as to the advisability of the reform at which my proposals aim. Nor is it too much to say that the experience which the Borough has had of the energy and sympathy displayed by women guardians warrants the conviction that incalculable good will result from the presence and co-operation of women on the Hospital Board."

AT the Kidderminster Board of Guardians, Mr. Kitching said that he intended once more to oppose the grant to the Bewdley Nursing Association on the same ground that he did before. As long as the Association is under the thumb and finger of the parson, and none but Church of England Nurses can be engaged, he would oppose it. He thought it a scandal that it should be so.

WE quite agree with Mr. Kitching that it is a scandal that any Association should be under the thumb and finger of one individual—especially if he carries sectarianism into the question of Nursing. Such Associations should be managed by committees, and no question of particular sects should be allowed to intrude itself.

IT would appear as if Derry were Nurseless! At the last monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Derry City and County Infirmary—

Dr. Davis asked a question as to why there were no Nurses available in the Infirmary for sending out.

Sir William Miller explained that all, except one or two juniors, had left to go to better situations. They had always made it a rule that, until they had been two years there, and fully qualified to attend any case, Nurses were never sent out from the Infirmary. He knew that in other places they were allowed to go out sometimes after six months' training. He considered it wrong to send out a Nurse that was not properly qualified.

Dr. Davis: Unfortunately the public of Derry cannot get a Nurse at the County Infirmary at all.

Sir William Miller: The reason for that is that so many left. We had one qualified to go out and she got a better situation. We have another now who will be available for Nursing out soon.

Dr. Davis: I think after a year under Mrs. Iffland and Dr. Miller they ought to be able to go out.

Sir William Miller: Speaking for myself and Mrs. Iffland, too, I have to say that I am sure we appreciate the compliment; but all the same, Mrs. Iffland and he did not consider them fit.

Sir William Miller and the Matron are acting in an entirely proper spirit in not imposing on the public as Nurses some half-trained Probationers.

WE have before alluded to the correspondence which has been going on in some of the Irish newspapers as to the condition of the Nurses connected with some of the Dublin Hospitals—their long hours, insufficient feeding, and hardships. In a recent letter one correspondent says:—

"As 'Mercy' suggests, some of our eminent medical men should see to it, that these women, to whose care and skill they owe their greatest successes, should be better cared for, whom now they allow to take charge of their most important cases without ever giving a thought as to whether they are physically fit to do so or not, perhaps not caring, we certainly hope not knowing the melancholy truth that many Dublin Nurses are existing on the proverbial 'straw a day.'"

I have known Nurses going on duty in wards where the most acute observation was necessary, and they have said to me—"I know I shall not be able to read the thermometer, I am so hungry." This ought not to be. In England we feed our Nurses well, though they are as a rule harder worked, which, perhaps, accounts for the fact that Dublin Matrons of Hospitals are almost always English trained Nurses, and rightly so, for it is not mere training the Matron requires. The number of anæmic starved-looking Nurses in Dublin is a crying shame, and I trust, dear sir, through the columns of your influential paper this wrong may be righted."

WE sincerely hope that this account is somewhat exaggerated; but we notice that no letters are appearing to contradict the statements that have appeared as to the rough conditions of the Nurses' life in some Irish Hospitals.

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