

leave the proceedings of Miss Etta Jackson, and those who have given her their assistance and approval, to the judgment of the medical profession and the public. We have no doubt that the members of the Registered Nurses' Society will continue in the future, as they have in the past, to earn the confidence and support of the medical profession at large, and that the attempt to injure their Society will gain for them the good wishes of the Nursing profession, and will, in the near future, further their success.

Nurse Margaret Mackintosh, we are informed, has told a distinguished surgeon, in excuse for her conduct, that she and others left the Registered Nurses' Society because they could not obtain work from it. As it is advisable to expose the absolute falsity of this assertion, we have obtained from the Secretary figures showing the amount earned during the last twelve months of their work by those Nurses who, we are informed, have joined Miss Etta Jackson and the new Society.

It will be generally felt that the Nurses named below, will do excellently well if they earn the same income during the next twelve months. The fact of the matter is, that their returns alone would conclusively prove that no Private Nurses have been more successful or better paid than those connected with the Registered Nurses' Society.

Nurse's Name.	Amount earned in last twelve months.	Holidays taken during same period.
Goodman	£103 19 0	7 weeks.
Mackintosh	101 17 0	3 weeks.
Rae	99 15 0	7 weeks.
Guillan	96 2 0	6 weeks.
Harvey	93 19 6	6 weeks.
Rednall	92 8 0	9 weeks.
Ness	92 8 0	3 weeks.
Curtis	92 8 0	5 weeks.
Rogers	91 19 0	8 weeks.

NURSES WHO HAVE WORKED LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS.

Nurse's Name.	Period of work.	Amount earned.
Vernon	6 months.	£55 13 0
Gibb	16 weeks.	39 18 0
Gillies	15 weeks.	29 8 0
Hay	14 weeks.	29 8 0

We may add that many members of the Society, who have almost continuously been earning £3 3s. a week, have received larger sums; for instance, one Nurse during forty-nine weeks earned £159 15s., another £130 4s., and a third £124 8s. 6d.

The Sanitary Institute.

A SESSIONAL MEETING of the Institute will be held at the Parkes Museum, on Wednesday, April 15th, when a discussion will be opened by J. F. J. Sykes, D.Sc., M.D., Medical Officer of Health, St. Pancras, on "The Factory and Workshops Acts, and the Powers and Duties of Sanitary Authorities with regard to Workshops." The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. by Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Bart., M.P.

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IT has been our painful duty on several occasions to draw attention in this journal to the present methods of management of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and this matter is now attracting so much professional attention that we are not surprised to find Dr. Lovell Drage exposing the absolute disregard of honour and justice which has gone so far to wreck our Association—in last week's *British Medical Journal*.

Writing on the subject of medical reform in connection with the College of Physicians, he says, "Again, take into consideration the management of the Royal British Nurses' Corporation. A policy of dictation carried out by a clique of the College of Physicians ended recently in legal action successfully brought by a Nurse against that Corporation. What do the members of the clique do? They bring down the President and chief officers of the College of Physicians to a General Meeting of the Corporation to overawe its members. At the time of the meeting the President was not, it has been publicly stated (and not since denied) a member of the Corporation. The Chairman, not content with his proper duties, took every opportunity of showing his partisan spirit, and in the result the Nurse is condemned by public resolution, although her action in the Courts had been successful."

The details of the case in question are still fresh in the minds of our readers, but the continued persecution of Miss Barlow by some medical members of the Executive Committee has become a public scandal, and we understand will be shortly dealt with as such.

We have this week received a twenty-two paged supplement to the *Nurses' Journal*, which is prefaced as follows:—

"For the information of the numerous members who were unable to be present at the Special General Meeting on January 28th, we issue a full verbatim report of the meeting, together with some important correspondence relating to the proceedings, to consider which the meeting was summoned.

We feel sure that members will realise that the occasion must, in the opinion of a large majority of the Executive Committee, have been considered very grave to justify the calling of a General Meeting of the whole Corporation to consider the resolution submitted to them.

For a long time past there has been an evident desire on the part of a few members of the governing body to attack the Executive Committee, the Honorary Officers, and the Officials on every possible occasion. Only those who have worked on the Executive Committee can have any idea of the difficulties with which those who were responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Association have had to contend. The Honorary Officers and Officials have been repeatedly, and without cause, charged with wilful neglect and mismanagement, and with an unprincipled and unscrupulous straining of the laws and regulations of the Association.

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