

THE now notorious Nurse Lyon has again obtained an appointment, this time under the Skipton Guardians. As we should expect, from her previous conduct, we learn that though accepted by the Board, she has not put in an appearance, though letters and telegrams have been sent to her, nor has she answered the letters addressed to her. We are somewhat curious as to the personality of this nurse. Her appearance must be attractive and her manner ingratiating to have imposed within a few weeks upon three successive Boards of Guardians, and so enabled her to obtain appointments from them. At the same time, her conduct is such a public scandal, and such a disgrace to the nursing profession, that we have felt it our duty to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to the proceedings of Nurse Lyon, in the hope that they will be able to warn unwary Guardians. It is intolerable that the ratepayers' money should be expended in useless advertisements, and travelling expenses of persons who have no intention of accepting office.

AT the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Bradford Incorporated Nursing Institution the report of the private nurses' department was read by Dr. Goyder, who stated that the year had been one of sustained activity rather than of expansion in the work of the institution. The district nursing branch showed a marked extension of work, now under the immediate direction and management of the Ladies' Guild. The number of nurses on the private staff has varied from 30 to 40. This number, however, has been found to be insufficient, and at least ten more nurses are required to ensure a prompt response to every call. Many of the nurses have left after four or five years' service, from various causes. As a result of a special inquiry into these matters, and as to further measures which might be practicable with a view to improving still further the position of the nurses, the committee decided that each nurse shall in future receive a bonus of 5 per cent. on her earnings over and above the regular scale of wages. There are five probationers in the infirmary, and there is a staff of certified maternity nurses.

AT Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, Sister Fahey was recently presented with a gold brooch by the members of the Constabulary. The brooch was specially designed for the purpose by Messrs. Chambers and Jacobs, and was after the pattern of the Constabulary crest—harp, crown and shamrock. The gift was a token of gratitude on the part of the Constabulary for Sister Fahey's devotion to her work, so faithfully and tenderly exercised in the Constabulary ward, of which she is the sister-in-charge.

AT a recent meeting of the Guardians of the South Dublin Union it was stated by Mr. Patterson that there was a system of traffic carried on by pauper nurses that should be put a stop to. They had established a custom of requiring to be paid by old pauper inmates for a cup of tea, or anything of the sort that was supplied to them. This is indeed a glimpse of the "old nurse." If the statement be correct, and we can well believe it is, it indicates a condition in the nursing organisation of the union which should be remedied with all speed.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:

"May I remark how glad I was to see, some few weeks ago, attention called in 'Nursing Echoes' to an advertisement which week by week (apparently year in and year out!) appears in *Church Times* of a 'District and Private Nursing Training Home.'

Madam, it was my unhappy lot to be in that 'Home' for about a fortnight, and I can testify that the 'training' is *nil*, girls fresh from home being sent out to private and district cases without any adequate supervision, in some cases with none at all, one girl not even knowing how to take a temperature! And I was myself, after being asked to stay on and work without paying for my board, the next day requested to retire immediately, as I was 'unsettling the pupils' minds by advising them to seek for hospital training.'

This is a fact, and I have long felt strongly that it is scandalous that same advertisement should go on appearing in a newspaper of such standing, and of a church one to boot!

Can nothing be done? I rejoiced on seeing your notice of it, but, apparently, no more was done, and the unwary lay mind is still open to the danger.

'Three months' *training!*' your former correspondent exclaimed in scorn. I bear witness that there is none at all—dearly-bought experience there may be.

M. H. R."

WE learn from a correspondent in Capetown that the nursing of the sick in South Africa is likely to occupy a considerable amount of public attention during the next few years. Most of the prominent ladies in Capetown are combining to commemorate the Queen's record reign by the establishment of a nursing institute on the co-operative system.

THERE are some people still who have not fully grasped the true nature of the doctor's work, if we may judge from the following conversation, which is related as taking place between two Irish women in America. One says:

"Why didn't you call the doctor in when Mickey swallowed the nickel?"

And the other replies:

"Sure, d'you think I'd pay a doctor a dollar just to have him get out five cents?"

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