

be remembered that Miss Waddington, a highly respected member of the Association, and the Matron of the Bootle Borough Hospital, took an active part in opposing the disastrous scheme, initiated by Dr. Outterson Wood, of admitting asylum attendants to the register of trained nurses, and granting them all the privileges accorded to those who are fully qualified nurses. Miss Waddington took the constitutional step of addressing a letter to the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Those who are acquainted with the methods of management pursued by the present officials, will not be surprised to learn that this letter, in common with those of others of her colleagues, on the same subject, was never read to the body to which it was addressed. Being deprived of her opportunity of expressing her views, on this most important subject, to the General Council, Miss Waddington demanded that her letter should be published in the *Nurses' Journal*, and it duly appeared. The result is that in the last issue of the *Nurses' Journal* is this letter from Dr. Outterson Wood, containing a most insulting personal attack upon Miss Waddington.

We offer to Miss Waddington our sincere sympathy. The reason for this attack is obvious; she has dared to have, and to express, an opinion on a vitally important nursing matter. It is being widely said that insult from those in authority in the Royal British Nurses' Association is a greater compliment than praise; but we feel sure that all honourable members of the Association are of one mind with us in our sympathy with Miss Waddington, and in feeling that this latest, unprovoked attack upon a respected member of the Association, is a disgrace to the *Nurses' Journal*, as well as to the Association to which it belongs.

WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY COMMITTEES.

AN important point with regard to the extent of the power, deputed to infirmary sub-committees, working under Boards of Guardians, was recently brought up by Mr. Duggan at the Bradford Board. Mr. Duggan's contention is, that the Board which appoints the officers should receive their resignations, or, if necessary, dismiss them, and that these duties should not be deputed to a sub-committee. We are bound to say that we consider Mr. Duggan's position impregnable, although we fully believe that the Infirmary Board working under the Bradford Guardians is doing admirable work, and, after reading Mrs. Moser's statement, we cannot but think, that the lady superintendent of the nurses is fulfilling her duties in a position of exceptional difficulty, and has a right to expect, and receive, the support of the Board

in her discharge of them. Anyone whose unenviable duty it is to carry out reforms, is always subjected to severe and hostile criticism, and should certainly be supported by those who entrusted her with the task. At the same time we are quite of opinion that, if a nurse resign, her resignation should come before the Board, and her reasons for so doing be investigated by them. As the sub-committee has no power to appoint an officer, it can have no power to dismiss one, and any attempt to make the decision of a sub-committee final is to be deprecated.

THE HOSPITAL FOR THE CITY POLICE.

THE *Daily Chronicle* has received a letter from a correspondent complaining of the faulty character of the arrangements of the hospital for the City Police. It is stated that the patients in this hospital are nursed (!) by orderlies (otherwise ordinary policemen taken from the streets), and that they are treated in a manner which is far from being humane. It is further stated that a patient, who was suffering from enteric fever, and who died fifteen days after entering the hospital, was treated for bronchial catarrh, and that another patient, reported for malingering, was removed to Guy's Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from scarlet fever. We agree with our contemporary—"These are serious charges, if true, and we should like to ask the authorities of the hospital to make some public statement on the subject."

QUEEN'S DAY IN ATHENS.

THE extreme kindness extended to the medical men and nurses working in the cause of the Greek wounded, by the British Minister at Athens and his charming wife, now Sir Edwin and Lady Egerton—and, indeed, by every member of the British Legation—received one more token on Jubilee Day. All the members of the staff were invited to attend the reception held by the Minister and Lady Egerton in the afternoon of that great day, and all who could be spared from duty were present, and spent a delightful time.

From the *Daily Chronicle* we learn that "the King and Queen, with the Crown Princess and Princess Marie, have visited the Piræus Hospital for the purpose of inspecting the Röntgen apparatus sent out by the *Daily Chronicle*. The royal party expressed great interest in the demonstration, and skiagrams were taken of all their hands. Several bullets have already been found by means of the apparatus. All the members of the *Chronicle* staff, to whom it was in any way possible, assembled last night at the Piræus to celebrate the Jubilee."

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