

had been hardly dealt with. These questions were brought out by one of the gentlemen on the committee, and he began to ask her questions about the matters, and she said, "I cannot answer these questions. Formulate them in writing, so that I may have an opportunity of looking into them, and then I will give my answer in writing." This reasonable request, as we have before said, was declined, and Miss Warrener received three months' notice.

The case was brought to a somewhat abrupt conclusion, by the counsel for the defendant stating that when Mr. Barnes made the observations he did, he honestly believed in the truth of them, and he continued to do so until he came into Court. Having come there and seen how the evidence had gone, it would not be right to attempt to justify all the language which had been uttered. Being unable to prove the truth of his words he retracted them, and apologized for having uttered them. The plaintiff, who only wished to prevent the fatal effects of the accusation against her, which, if not contradicted, would have deprived her of her living in the future, and did not desire vindictive damages, was willing to accept a verdict for ten guineas, and costs, as between solicitor and client. Upon the direction of the learned Judge, therefore, the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff for this amount. A member of the jury inquired if the plaintiff would be reinstated in her old position if she desired it, and Mr. Justice Ridley said he hoped she would get a better post.

The case is of the utmost importance, as it is a typical instance of the difficulties with which matrons have to contend, if, in the discharge of their duties, and the maintenance of discipline, their views are at variance with those of their committees and of medical men. No one will seriously contend that a matron who is not informed when lectures are given to her subordinates, who is not consulted before examinations are held, and who is expected to give a certificate to a nurse, upon information received from the nurse herself, can have any adequate control over her staff. This is one more instance of medical men co-operating with subordinate nurses and ignoring the matron, and the result is disorganization. Where discipline is not maintained over the nursing staff, friction, as in the present instance, inevitably ensues, and the patients suffer. Miss Warrener is entitled to, and doubtless will receive, the gratitude of her professional colleagues, for her plucky action in testing the legality of these proceedings in a court of law. Once again a British jury has condemned the attempt made to bully a woman in discharging her duty, and we do not doubt that their verdict will be received with widespread satisfaction.

We sincerely congratulate Miss Warrener upon the satisfactory and successful result of her action. We concur with the judge in hoping that she

will obtain a better appointment, and hope that it will be one in which the committee will support her in maintaining the discipline which is necessary to the efficient working of any institution.

Appointments.

THE following ladies have been selected for temporary plague duty in India, and left London for Bombay on Thursday last:—

1. Miss Harriet McDougall. Trained for four years at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
 2. Miss Edith Wilkinson Tetley, who was trained for three years at Charing Cross Hospital, and subsequently worked for a year and a half at the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary.
 3. Miss Mina Annie Holmes. Trained at the Marylebone Infirmary, and who has since worked at the Edinburgh and the Fulham Infirmaries.
 4. Miss Emma Ann Moles. Trained for three years at the Birmingham General Hospital, and who has had a year's further experience at the Newcastle Nursing Home.
 5. Miss Marion Porteous Muat. Trained for three and a half years at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.
 6. Miss Kate Burrows. Trained for three and a half years at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.
 7. Miss Hester Mary Dowson. Trained at University College Hospital, Guy's Hospital, the Great Northern Hospital, and Shadwell Children's Hospital.
 8. Miss Boyd. Member of the Army Nursing Reserve.
 9. Miss Eva Agnes Bickers. Trained for three years at the London Hospital, and has had one year's further experience at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich. This lady has the advantage of having lived for some years in India, and can speak Hindustani.
 10. Miss Sarah Harriet Penelope Leslie, who has worked for nearly four years at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
 11. Miss Sophia Margaret Browning. Trained for two years at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; two years at the Royal Infirmary, Windsor, and who has had four years' subsequent experience at the Greek Hospital, Alexandria.
 12. Miss Lilian Tanner. Trained for three years at the Taunton Hospital.
- It is satisfactory to know that in every instance the India Office has adopted the wise and necessary measure of obtaining a recommendation from the Matrons under whom these nurses have worked. The fact augurs well for the adequate performance of the important duties which these nurses are about to undertake. We take this opportunity of expressing to them our good wishes for their success in their new sphere of work.

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