

monstrated by the great increase of expense, should a person be ill in an Hotel, and require personal attendance, night and day, every item that is used in the sick room is charged at an enormous price; so that the expenses incurred in Hotels by invalids are proverbial.

I fear that there are many points in connection with the management of Home Hospitals, to which I have *not* alluded. I would, therefore, suggest, so that we may have a full and valuable discussion, that the following points should not be lost sight of:—

1. The use and abuse of Home Hospitals.
2. The Financial Aspect in connection with their foundation and up-keep.
3. The importance of very wide professional experience of the Superintendent owing to her responsible position.
4. The best way of nursing paying patients in a satisfactory manner, at the same time arranging the work and recreation of the nurses on a just and humane basis.
5. The reason of adverse criticism of Home Hospitals.
6. The future development.

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### Honours.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce that Lady de Bosch Kemper, President of the Dutch Women's Association, "Tesselschade," and a well-known figure in the Dutch Nursing World, has been honoured by receiving the rank of Knight in the Order of *Pranje-Nassau*. Mrs. Mees-Snethlage, Secretary of the Sanatorium for Drunkards, "Hooghullen," has also received the same rank. The gold medal of honour has been bestowed upon Maria Hues, Mère Supérieure in the Bonifacius Hospital, Leeuwarden, and upon Miss Bolhuis, Matron of the City Hospital at Leeuwarden. Dr. van Deventer, Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Meerenberg, has been made Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion. Hospitals, therefore, and more especially the notable women connected with them, have their share in the honours which are awarded to the Dutch people in this year of rejoicing. Readers of the *NURSING RECORD* will remember that a short time ago we published a portrait of Lady de Bosch Kemper, and a history of her career, and they will know how well she deserves the honour which has been conferred upon her, as she has taken the keenest interest in the organization of the nursing profession in Holland, and also is engaged in trying to obtain for Dutch women a better position before the law.

### Nursing Politics.

#### THE ELECT OF MR. FARDON.

It will be remembered that two years ago we noted the fact that a lady, holding an important position in the Nursing world, had been appointed to the vacant Matronship of the Royal Infirmary, Windsor, subject to her willingness to work in accordance with certain rules in force at this institution. This lady was of opinion that she could not, conscientiously, accept these rules, as, in her opinion, her power of maintaining discipline would be stultified. We recommended, at the time, that the objectionable rules should be withdrawn. The Committee of the Windsor Infirmary did not take this wise course; the lady remained firm and declined to accept the post, and in consequence Miss Helen E. Court, then Matron of the Ear and Throat Hospital in Gray's Inn Road, who professed herself willing to work under the objectionable regulations, was appointed to the vacant Matronship. We regret to record that Miss Court, was recently suspended from duty by the Committee of the Royal Infirmary, and at the end of a week summarily dismissed. The matter is one of interest to members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, because Miss Court is one of the Matrons selected by Mr. Fardon to serve on the new Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, having been a warm supporter of the official policy. It will be interesting to observe, therefore, what action is taken by the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association in this matter.

We presume that Dr. William Fairbank, who is officially connected with the Royal Infirmary, Windsor, and who, of late years, as a member of the Executive of the Royal British Nurses' Association, took such an active part in removing the leading Matrons from that Association, will take an early opportunity of placing the facts of the case before the Executive Committee of the Association, and it will then be their duty to report to the Council. We presume that some action will be taken; otherwise, matters in the Association will be seen to be in even a graver condition than is generally known. The Association still numbers among its members one woman, whose immorality has been publicly proved, and Miss Maud Wilberforce, who, since she joined the Association, has been imprisoned for theft. If these women are to be retained in the ranks of trained nurses, and allowed the privilege of membership of their Chartered Association, it is small wonder that the whole profession is lowered in the eyes of the public, and that trained nurses are not regarded with the respect which was formerly invariably accorded to them.

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