

Another instance. One night me and Brother — had been out in the bay as we do go, and had returned about 1 a.m. I had just got asleep when I heard the signal from Brother —. I joined him as soon as I could, more asleep than awake. 'A man dead,' says he. 'All ready,' says I. We went up, and a man that had been brought here by the shows of the regatta, had died. He was on a stretcher, and we carried him to the mortuary, the matron going before with a lantern, and another nurse coming behind. It always looks a strange procession, if anyone could see it. . . . We have already assisted in several cases, and are pleased to be of use. I myself have helped to carry Mr. —, the showman, and an old fish hawker, whom you remember. Besides this, I have had to watch by an Australian sailor; the doctor was afraid to trust him with the nurses. Also to watch by an old man with pneumonia, who was off his head, and persisted in getting out of bed, which would have been fatal to him. So you see we are useful sometimes. I must say, although it is among sad scenes, I am thankful that I am really allowed to do something for God's sake."

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SINCE the above was written, we learn from the *Church Times*, "that one of the fishing smacks was lost recently with all hands, and that two of the crew were amongst the most earnest and devoted communicants at their church. Their lives were made beautiful by their deep devotion to our Blessed Lord and their unselfish love to those around them."

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THE Dundee press reports at length the case of one of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses (Nurse Jackson) who, at the end of two years' service, has been refused the full certificate of the Scottish Branch of the Q.V.J.I.

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It is stated that three months after Nurse Jackson had begun to work at Blairgowrie a formal complaint was made by one of the doctors charging her with neglect, incompetence, interference with his treatment, roughness to patients, and with using intemperate language to himself and his wife. These charges, with the exception that she admitted having changed a dressing ordered by the doctor, were entirely denied by Nurse Jackson to the Committee, but, upon a second representation from the doctor, the Local Committee requested the Superintendent from headquarters to come to Blairgowrie, and upon being questioned by her the nurse admitted that some of the charges were true. She undertook to do better, and sent a letter of apology to the doctor. During the following months verbal

complaints were made, but of these no notice was taken; then a letter was received, and laid before the Local Committee from another medical man and his assistant, containing charges of neglect, roughness to patients, and, in one case, of careless use of instruments. Two ladies were appointed to visit the cases mentioned, and found that the patients and their friends bore out most of the charges. Subsequently, Miss Wade interviewed both doctor and nurse, and was satisfied that the doctor had just cause for complaint. She then strongly advised the Committee, if there was more trouble, to write to Edinburgh and have the nurse removed.

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THE routine with regard to the granting of certificates in connection with the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute is, we understand, that the Local Committee fills in the printed form, which is then signed by the Superintendent if she thinks well.

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UPON Nurse Jackson's resignation at the end of her term of engagement the usual certificate was sent to the Local Committee to be filled in. The Committee were not unanimous that they could fill in the certificate as it stood, and decided to ask Miss Wade's advice. Ultimately, Miss Wade suggested that a rider might be added, or some alteration made in the print. The original certificate was, however, in the end filled in without alteration, some members of the Committee expressing their disapproval, and sent to Edinburgh. A few days afterwards Miss Wade intimated to one of the Secretaries that she could not conscientiously say Nurse Jackson was entitled to a full certificate, but that a certificate would be sent. The nurse acknowledged with thanks the receipt of the certificate she received, and it was concluded the matter was at an end.

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LATER, the Secretaries received a letter from Mr. Hodge, a solicitor, stating that Miss Jackson had informed him that she had been refused the certificate granted to Queen's Nurses and received one which was no use to her. The Secretaries, instructed by the Committee, replied that the necessary recommendation was signed and sent to the Superintendent, "with whom the matter now rests." An answer was received from Mr. Hodge stating that as the reply was not satisfactory he was now proceeding to take independent action.

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A DEPUTATION of subscribers was then received by the Executive Committee urging the Superintendent to reconsider her decision as to the certificate, and the deputation added if this were

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