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In 1896 a private pension fund was formed with statutes that were confirmed by Government. A reserve fund of 30,000 Swedish crowns, or £1,666, has been collected by private individuals. Sixty-six members have entered their names, and pay a yearly sum, so as to obtain a pension when fifty years of age.

In the Swedish towns the number of nurses begins to be fairly adequate, but in the country a great dearth still exists. It is, however, necessary, for the due care of the sick that nurses should be appointed here, there, and everywhere. It is only by these means that the physicians in the country can fully perform their duties, more especially when treating infectious diseases. Some few provincial assemblies have, therefore, appointed nurses in connection with the institution of the district physician. It is quite necessary first and foremost to have at least one nurse to each of the 270 medical districts in the country. The above statements, which have been collected in the Sophia Home and by Dr. Warfoinge (*Hygiea*, 1898), anent the different training institutions for nurses, contain the chief answers to the questions put, and there is but little to add. The Government has not directly contributed to their training, has not organized it, nor made any regulations concerning the exercise of the calling. Everything is still untrammelled, and will doubtless remain so.

There is no uniformity as regards the training, nor can such a thing be brought about as the demands on training are so very different. The most complete training is certainly obtained by the Sophia sisters. By the two years' course which gives them thorough insight in all the different branches of nursing, which is of such importance when exercising duties incumbent on them as head-nurses at hospitals, or in the operation-rooms, and by the elimination, practised both when accepting pupils, as also when appointing as nurses, and when nominating them for those places in the departments where the pupils receive their training, a band of nurses has been formed which, by love of their work, self-sacrificing perseverance, and capacity, have gained love and respect wheresoever a member has followed her calling.

* Trained in Germany, and most of them Germans.

Nursing Dispute at the Chelsea Infirmary.

L'AFFAIRE MORGAN.

HAS the public heard the last of "L'Affaire Morgan," at the Chelsea Infirmary? We are inclined to think not.—at least, we shall be surprised if Dr. Horn, having had "the lie direct" given him by Miss de Pledge, is content to leave matters in this condition. We cannot congratulate the Chelsea Guardians upon the manner in which they have handled this matter. That they are heartily sick of it does not occasion us surprise, but it was most certainly their duty to sift the affair to the bottom, and then to place the blame where blame was due. Instead of this, in spite of the recommendation now made by the General Committee that the Local Government Board be asked to hold an inquiry, the Guardians have adopted the extraordinary proposition made by Mr. Thomas with regard to the matter to "let it drop, and exonerate both," or, as the Chairman put it, "exonerate everybody."

Ultimately, an amendment to the recommendation of the General Committee that the whole of the correspondence on the question be sent to the Local Government Board, was moved by Mr. Thomas, that "the recommendation be expunged from the Committee's report," with the addition, at a later stage of the proceedings, "that no blame is attached to either the Matron or the Doctor," and the amendment was adopted in this form.

The matter at present stands thus: A letter from Miss de Pledge flatly contradicting statements made by Dr. Horn in his letter to the Guardians which we published in a recent issue, together with Miss de Pledge's prompt reply, appeared on the Agenda of the business before the Board of Guardians on Wednesday, August 23rd, and has also been printed in public newspapers. Not only does Miss de Pledge contradict Dr. Horn point blank, but she permits herself to taunt him with his inexperience. We reprint this letter, which the *West London Press* justly remarks is suggestive of bad temper, and we cannot suppose that Dr. Horn will not demand his right of reply to it. In point of fact, immediately after Miss de Pledge's letter, followed by that of Nurse Barnard, had been read, the Clerk announced a letter from Dr. Horn, in which he stated that he had read the letter of the Matron, as printed on the Agenda, traversing his letter to the Guardians at their last meeting, and respectfully asking that either he should be exonerated of the suggestions it contained, or that the Guardians should make a thorough

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