

and frightened the patients and their friends, often resulting in positive detriment to the work of the hospital. In her Rochester position the piece of work of which she felt proudest was having succeeded in persuading the trustees to appoint three medical women on the consulting and visiting staff, an innovation at first violently resisted by some of the medical men, but at last not only acquiesced in, but even cordially approved by its erstwhile opponents for the definitely excellent results in the enlarged service of the hospital.

A Rochester paper spoke of her leaving as follows: "It is impossible in a few words to estimate the difficulties Miss Palmer has overcome and the improvements she has instituted during her five years at the hospital. Her wide experience and sound judgment have stood the hospital in good stead, and everyone who has come in contact with her has felt instinctively that there was one to be depended on, one whose clear vision and undaunted courage would see the way out of every difficulty and carry her triumphantly through. One inestimable result of her five years' work is, that the hospital is out of debt; another, that the confidence of the public in the institution is greatly increased, and a third, that the Nurses' Home—by many good judges said to be the most beautiful in the country—has been erected and most perfectly equipped through the generosity of one of the best friends of the hospital. These results all followed Miss Palmer's plans and suggestions. What the many other benefits are which her advice and influence have brought about, only those who are in constant touch with the hospital and its interests can know."

Nursing Sisters Decorated.

At noon on June 19th, Parliament House, at Wellington, New Zealand, was filled with an enthusiastic crowd to see the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall distribute the war medals to some 300 of the troops returned from South Africa. Amongst the happy recipients of medals, were Nursing Sisters Monson, and Warmington, who have done splendid service in caring for the sick and wounded.

Rest After Labour.

The resignation of Miss Penny, the popular Matron of the Salford Royal Hospital, on account of family reasons, has been received by the Committee of the institution with "very great regret." Miss Penny, who was trained at University College Hospital in the sixties, has been Matron of the Salford Hospital for twenty-three years.

The Nurses' Co-operation.

As Sir Henry Burdett has published a garbled account of the meeting convened by the Committee of the Nurses' Co-operation to which the members of the nursing staff were invited—an account presumably written by himself, because the press were very rightly not admitted to the meeting—we feel no longer any delicacy in discussing the situation.

In the first place, as Sir Henry Burdett must have been perfectly well aware, the Agenda which he published was not the official Agenda of the meeting at all, and his article is therefore calculated to mislead those nurses who were not present.

A statement made by Sir Henry Burdett, in a personal attack upon the Secretary, Miss Gethen, requires some comment from us, as he accused her of supplying this journal with exclusive information. We beg to state emphatically that this accusation is absolutely without foundation, and further that the editorial archives contain many documents and other information concerning the Nurses' Co-operation, and divers matters of nursing interest, which it may or may not be necessary to publish in the future. Our acquaintance with the Articles of Incorporation of the Co-operation dates back to 1894, when we drew attention in this journal to their weak point—that no nurse on the staff could be a member of the Co-operation, a defect in the constitution for which the nurses have to thank Sir Henry Burdett.

No doubt this lack of real power by the nursing staff in their Society might well be discussed in conference between themselves and the Committee, but we have all along recommended that whatever differences exist would be much more properly and effectually dealt with between the parties concerned, than in a press agitation got up by Sir Henry Burdett, the inevitable result of which must be that those nurses who act as his catspaws will be the sufferers. We have no doubt, judging from the past policy of the Committee, that any legitimate wishes expressed by the nurses will receive every consideration.

We understand that Miss Amy Hughes vacates the position of Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Co-operation this week. It is presumable, therefore, that she has made no request to be allowed to withdraw her resignation, that she intended from the first that it should take effect, and that she has not lent herself to the agitation which has surged around her name.

The nurses may take heart of grace. We remember there were prognostications that the Co-operation could not go on without Miss Philippa Hicks, when she resigned on the occasion

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