

he said, to get the Board to give up the idea of employing a third officer. They already had a Superintendent of Nurses and Matron of the Infirmary, and he thought the more straightforward thing would be to ask Miss Julian to resign. To appoint a third officer would be to throw a fox into the middle of the farm yard. The Board were beating about the bush. He believed that the Local Government Board would say that it was wrong to appoint a third officer, and then Miss Julian must go.

Mr. F. Wustemann spoke in favour of Miss Julian. He thought she had a right to maintain her position when people came and interfered with her who did not know so much about her duties.

Mr. W. H. J. Owen once more objected to this rash expenditure. The question had not been dealt with in a proper way. Either Miss Julian was competent to do the work of Lady Superintendent or she was not. If not competent, she ought to be called upon to resign. The importation of a Superintendent of Nurses when they already had a Matron and Assistant Matron, would not conduce to the harmony or good working of the Infirmary.

A HERRING ACROSS THE TRACK.

Mr. Shirley said, if the Board did away with the Training School connected with the Infirmary, and ceased to train probationers, it would mean an extra expenditure of £700 or £800 a year for nurses. The present system of probationers was much cheaper. The cost of the Superintendent of Nurses put at £140, including rations, was only 1/32nd part of a penny on the poor-rate, and look at the advantages the Board would receive in the training of the probationers. All they were doing was asking Miss Julian to give up part of her duties, and the Local Government Board had no right to interfere with this.

Mr. Owen said Mr. Shirley, in talking about giving up the system of training probationers, was taking the Board off the track. No one had raised the question of doing away with the training school for nurses.

Mr. Sibun also objected to Mr. Shirley's remarks. He was asking that, instead of appointing a Superintendent of Nurses, they should have someone in Miss Julian's place to do as she used to do. He had said nothing about not having probationers taught. He wished the Board to ask Miss Julian to resign and put another officer in her place, and not to appoint a third officer as Superintendent of Nurses.

There voted for rescinding 8, and against 12.

This is a confirmation of the Board's action in applying to the Local Government Board for permission to appoint a Superintendent of Nurses.

Mr. Sibun intimated he should take further action.

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THE following certificated nurses were admitted members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee:—Miss S. A. Andrews, Miss Eddis, Miss Phillips (Sister Harley, one of the first nurses certificated in the School), Miss Minnie Hawes, Mrs. Rose, Miss Agnes Silver, Mrs. MacVicker (Churchill), Miss Helen Simmons, and Miss Grace Hodge.

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WE are glad to learn that it is proposed to form an Association of past and present St. John's House Nurses. This is one of the pioneer societies, formed in 1848 for providing trained nurses for the sick. It proves the vitality of the Society that it should be one of the first bodies of nurses to follow the excellent example of St. Bartholomew's nurses—to organize its members for professional and social benefits.

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A CAPITAL paper was contributed by Miss Mary Burr at the last meeting of the St. John's House Debating Society, on "Should Nurses Pay for their Training," which aroused an interesting discussion. We hope to deal with this important question when "Standing the Test" is thrashed out; the one is a natural sequence of the other.

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By Sister Chadwick, of the Army Nursing Service, who is about to leave for South Africa, Queen Alexandra is sending out packages containing articles of clothing and comforts for the patients in some of the hospitals which the Sister will visit. Miss Chadwick was in charge of the patients on board the *Princess of Wales* between England and South Africa. In recognition of her work in that capacity the Queen has given her a handsome gold and enamel cross.

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The Society dame has tired of her war nurse pose, and poor "Tommie" is a thing of the past; but we are glad to see that Mrs. Symes Thompson, of Cavendish Square, is urging the truly charitable to send donations to the Good Hope Committee in Cape Town, so as to continue its good work for our brave soldiers, who are not the less in need of many comforts, when laid low with

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