

"The Admiralty, in order to mark their appreciation of the service she rendered, presented Mrs. Chadwick with a gold watch and chain with a suitable inscription."

Many nurses will be glad to know that the Harewood Luncheon and Tea Rooms, which have been opened at 15, Harewood Place, Hanover Square, W., are under the management of an experienced trained nurse, who therefore well understands the requirements of nurses. The tariff appears most moderate, and a writing-room is provided, which should prove a great convenience.

The Newton Abbot Guardians have again two vacant nursing posts at their disposal; indeed, the need seems so perennial that there seems some ground for Dr. Ley's pessimistic remark, that it would not matter who the Guardians engaged, they soon left. Some Guardians advised the election of two applicants right away. Mr. Heath said he should like to see their faces first. They would not choose a wife without seeing her. Dr. Ley said there was no person present who would buy a horse, or a pig, without seeing it. Apparently this argument had weight, and four candidates were ultimately selected to appear before the Board.

It is announced that Miss Maggie Love, of Underwood Road, Paisley, has just inherited a large fortune under romantic circumstances. Some time ago Mr. Alex. Wyness, a law student in Glasgow, developed small-pox, and Miss Love, a former patient of his medical attendant, and a teacher of music, was called in to nurse him. Her devotion won his affection, and it was arranged that they should be married on his complete recovery. Unfortunately a relapse ensued, and Mr. Wyness died, but he left a will bequeathing to Miss Love an estate in Warwickshire producing an annual income of £3000, besides a sum of more than £24,000 in money. She is to receive her fortune on her wedding morning.

At the weekly meeting of the South Dublin Guardians the following notice stood on the paper in the name of the Chairman—"That the recommendation of our medical officers *re* nursing in our hospitals be adopted, viz. :—1. That the service of five additional nuns be procured—one for the Children's Infirmary, two for the Female Roman Catholic Hospital, and two for the Male Roman Catholic Hospital. 2. That five trained nurses be employed for night duty—one for the Children's Infirmary, one for Hospital No. 2, one for the Male Roman Catholic Hospital, one for the Female Roman Catholic Hospital, and one for the Protestant Hospital; and that Mrs. Joyce be transferred to another position. 3. That the recommendations of our Chaplain Rev. Father Farrington, viz., that the

crèche be abolished and the children be transferred to the children's houses, be adopted. 4. That the Board adopt the recommendation of the Local Government Board, viz., that bed cards be supplied to our hospitals."

The chairman said he desired to move now the first clause of the motion standing in his name, and in doing so he said they had on the average 1,452 patients in the hospitals. The cost of nursing those was £1,519 16s. 6d. That was at the rate of £1 1s. per head. That was the lowest figure on record. In the North Dublin Union the cost was £1 11s. 4d. per head, and in Belfast £1 12s. per head. The average number of patients to each nun in the hospitals was sixty. That was entirely too high, and one nun to every forty patients was enough. The nuns at present had too many to supervise. In Cork there was one nurse to every thirty-five patients, and in Belfast, if they counted probationers, there was one nurse to every thirteen patients. He, therefore, moved that five additional nuns be appointed.

Eventually a resolution was adopted.

"That the services of two additional nuns be secured—one for the Children's Infirmary, and one for the Female R. C. Hospital; that five qualified nurses be employed for night duty—one for the Children's Infirmary, one for Hospital No. 2, one for the Male R.C. Hospital, one for the Female R.C. Hospital, and one for the Protestant Hospital; that the recommendations of the Chaplain, Rev. Father Farrington, be adopted, and that the salaries of the qualified nurses be £1 per week without any other emoluments."

We are glad to learn that the Matrons' Council of New South Wales is now fully organised. The Hon. Secretary is Miss Kendal Davies, Nurses' Home, 140, Phillip Street, Sydney.

Nurses, who know how a newspaper or an interesting book help to wile away the weary hours of convalescence, will sympathise with the appeal made in the *Yorkshire Herald*, for books for the hospitals, both civil and military, in Pretoria. Mrs. Neilson writes:—

"When recently visiting these hospitals I had the opportunity of personally seeing how much the patients appreciated any book or newspaper, but in all of them the same petition was heard—'something to read'—the absolute lack of reading matter of all sorts being much felt. I am hoping for a ready response in appealing through your paper. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal, Sir Arthur Lawley, being a Yorkshireman, I feel that many of his old friends will be glad to help in a scheme which has his approval and good wishes. The books will be sent direct to him for distribution, and I will be grateful for any books or magazines your

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