

night duty in the infirmary be permitted to sit in the duty-room when their presence in the ward was not needed, had been set aside. On whose authority? There was a good deal of complaint amongst the nurses in consequence, and it had caused much difficulty. The Master (Mr. Scott) said he did not know of the resolution, nor had he in any way interfered with the arrangements of the Superintendent Nurse. Miss Divett urged that unless the resolution were limited it might have very dangerous results, and mentioned the death some time ago of an epileptic patient in the absence of a nurse from the ward. The resolution should be only intended to mean that nurses should go to the duty-room for their two meals during the night. It should not be left to their option to be away from the ward when they pleased.

We are entirely in agreement with Miss Divett, and further think that the nurses should take it in turn to go to the duty-room for meals so that the wards may not be left unattended. The Superintendent Nurse is certainly right in holding that the place for nurses on night duty is in the wards, otherwise it is impossible that they should care effectively for the sick of whom they are placed in charge.

The parish nurse at Beaconsfield (Bucks), who has for several months discharged her duties to the general satisfaction of the community, has just resigned her post in consequence of insufficient work! This is a very unusual complaint where nursing is concerned.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, Wolverhampton, held last week, Miss Loveys, the much-respected Matron of the Institution, was the recipient of a cheque for £355. This sum had been generously subscribed by the Matron's numerous friends in the town and district, as a token of their sincere regard and esteem. The Chairman (Mr. G. N. Adams), in presenting the testimonial, spoke of the energy and ability displayed by Miss Marianne Lowe in soliciting subscriptions towards this laudable object. It was also decided to present an address of appreciation in album form with the names of the subscribers.

The acting Clerk to the Malton Board of Guardians, on Saturday, reported that they had advertised for a fortnight in several newspapers for a certificated nurse for the Workhouse Infirmary, and they had not had a single application. The Chairman (Colonel Legard) elicited that a salary of £30 per annum, with board, lodging, &c., had been offered, and he said he was very doubtful if they would get a fully-qualified nurse for that. Such women were in great demand, and £35 per annum was not at all an unusual sum for a properly-qualified

person. It was decided to advertise again and offer a salary of £35.

Some time ago a representative meeting of the inhabitants of Roscommon was called by Mrs. Coote, Carraroe Park, to consider the advisability of appointing a district nurse under the Countess of Dudley's scheme. Most of those present put down their names for substantial annual subscriptions, and it was decided to appeal to the County Council for assistance to maintain the nurse. The County Council held they had no power to make a grant and referred the matter to the District Council. The latter body, at their last meeting, in face of the strongly expressed views of the Chairman (Mr. J. A. P. Mapother, D.L.), declined to even consider the application, on the ground that there existed no necessity for such an officer, and that it was an attempt to interfere with the prerogative of the Sisters of Mercy.

The nursing work among the fishing people of Aberdeen during the herring season lasts for about seven weeks, writes a correspondent in the *Guardian*, from the middle of July to the beginning of September. During that time many hundreds of girls are employed in curing and packing the fish. The work is of a very rough description, and the small dispensary at Pointlaw Harbour, which is open for ten hours daily, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., proves a great boon, for accidents occasionally occur, and the hospital is at some distance. There are also many cases of slight cuts, requiring immediate attention. The dispensary is close to the sheds where the people work and live. During the seven weeks that it was open this year more than 800 dressings were done by the two nurses in attendance, and 115 men and 194 women were treated. Some of these required only dressings for slight cuts, and here the work was in a measure preventive, for the cuts, if left exposed, soon become poisoned and the consequences are serious. In some cases dressing three times a day was necessary, and others again were of so grave a nature that after a first treatment they were sent straight to the hospital or to the doctor.

A large airy room in the dispensary was fitted up as a reading-room, where books, magazines, and illustrated papers were provided, and here girls from the Highlands and other parts of the United Kingdom could spend their spare time in working, reading, or writing home. This year 369 girls used the room, and 359 letters were written. On the last Monday in August a free tea and magic lantern entertainment were given, and the room was packed with girls, who appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Most of the girls work in the far north of Scotland from May onwards, and gradually come south to Aberdeen, and then to Scar-

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