

jealousy might not go on. If the Hospital Committee were failing in their duty, elect other people, but as long as they were trying to upset each other it would be impossible to do work properly. Ultimately the amendment of Mr. Sheppard was agreed to.

At a recent meeting of the Beverley Board of Guardians it was reported that the General Purposes and House Committee had considered a report made by the Workhouse Master that he had had occasion to speak to the nurses in the infirmary about the visits of male friends to them, and had instructed the porter not to admit male friends without the sanction of the Board. The Committee recommended that in view of the friction existing between the Master and Matron and the nurses the nurses be given one month's notice to leave. One member denounced the decision as a most arbitrary one, as the nurses had not been heard, while another said these scandals had been going on for two years, and that the best thing would be to make a clean sweep of all the officers. The recommendation was carried.

In all infirmaries the committees should lay down rules about visitors, and these should be known to the nursing staff upon appointment. Whatever the complaint made against the nurses by superior officials, they should certainly not be summarily discharged without an opportunity of explaining their case.

A growing popular function is the Glasgow Nurses' Dance, which is patronised by representatives of all the city hospitals and by many outside friends. At last week's dance, which was held in the Queen's Rooms, many of the nurses appeared in uniform, those in that of the Co-operative Association looking specially smart in their blue linen dresses and scarlet capes. There were present in all some 417 guests. Among those present were Dean Reid, Professor and Mrs. M'Call Anderson, Miss Shannon (of the Western Infirmary), Miss Simpson (of the Sick Children's Hospital), Mrs. Strong (of the Royal Infirmary), Miss Adams (of the Ruchill Hospital), Mr. Ritchie (chairman of the Sick Children's Hospital) and Mrs. Ritchie, and Mr. H. Vincent Whitelaw (secretary of the Dance Committee), under whose direction a most enjoyable evening was spent. Music was supplied by Meatan's Scarlet Band, and dancing was engaged in both in the Pillar Hall as well as in the Grand Hall.

The St. Patrick's nurses, while carrying on the work of district nursing among the poor of Dublin, are being continually confronted with the difficulty of dealing with very young children recovering from sickness, who in many cases require surgical aid and dressing, and who all require

special attention and nursing. Urged by the necessity of the case, a few months ago some of the nurses in St. Patrick's Home conceived the idea of collecting a sufficient sum of money to rent a small Home somewhere in the outskirts of the city, where these little ones could be sent, the only terms for admission being that the children must be under twelve years of age, and must be recommended by one of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses.

The project has been warmly welcomed by a few friends interested in it, and by the poor themselves, and a substantial sum in small subscriptions has been received, with the promise of annual help in some cases should the project be realised. It must be understood, however, that the Nursing Home would not in any way be connected with St. Patrick's Home, and would be wholly dependent on its own resources. The work must of necessity begin in a very small way, and it is suggested that the Home should be under the direction of a nurse-matron, with one other nurse to help with the children, and that ten beds should be the limit of the undertaking in the first place, until such time as the number might be safely increased. A committee of management has been appointed, and Lady Plunket has kindly consented to become patroness.

The terrible fire at Baltimore is without parallel even in the history of great conflagrations in America. As the telegrams came in, and it was stated that the hospitals were in danger, we feared that the Johns Hopkins University, with its beautiful hospital, would be involved in the conflagration. The whole nursing world will learn with thankfulness that this calamity has not befallen. Long may the hospital hold the foremost place to which it has attained, and its nursing school—which, under the direction of such able superintendents as Mrs. Hampton Robb (Miss Isabel Hampton) and Miss Nutting, has attained to such distinction—develop and prosper. We have no doubt that the members of the school are at present maintaining their high reputation in the care of those injured in the recent disaster. With the promptness which characterises action in America, not only were nurses in the city quickly on the scene of the catastrophe, but they were speedily reinforced by others from Philadelphia and Washington.

The city of Baltimore, which has suffered so terribly, was one of the fairest in a land of magnificent cities. The marble steps by which most of its houses and buildings are approached are a distinctive feature; indeed, it may be described as a city of marble steps. Our sincere sympathy is with its citizens in the hour of their calamity.

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