

Annotation.

PAUPER NURSING.

Over and over again the nursing of the sick by pauper attendants has been proved to be not only inefficient, but costly. Dr. C. J. Powell, Visiting Medical Officer, has done good service by directing the attention of the Guardians of the North Dublin Union to this question. He showed the Guardians that their present arrangements in the different hospitals connected with the union for the nursing of the sick were neither economical nor efficient, and that in the hospital wards of the Union there were upwards of 100 able-bodied paupers, classed as sick attendants, costing the rates nearly £1,000 per annum. He further placed before the Board the desirability of organising a training-school for nurses and the employment of unpaid probationers. Pauper attendants are, Dr. Powell told the Guardians, in a letter addressed to them on the subject, "supposed to do work which they are in no way fitted or competent to do, and they should not be continued in such occupation. It is most unjust to the sick poor, and most demoralising to the administration of the hospital, to have these inmates in such a position. Pauper nurses are an evil in a hospital ward of a union." He then proceeded to demonstrate the advantages of an organised Nursing School.

At the meeting of a Committee of the whole Board, held to consider Dr. Powell's proposals, a report was also read by Miss West, Superintendent of the Protestant Infirmary, embodying her views on the subject.

It was unanimously agreed by the Committee that pauper nursing should be discontinued in the Union's hospitals, that the general principles of the nursing scheme by probationers placed before the Committee by Dr. Powell be approved of, and that the scheme as placed before the Committee be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Board, to the medical staff, to the Reverend Mother, and to Miss West for their reports thereon.

Dr. Powell is to be congratulated on the result of his efforts for the better care of the sick poor in his charge in the North Dublin Union. The news will be especially welcome to the Sisters of the Community of St. Peter, Kilburn, who for some time worked in the North Dublin Infirmary. Surely it is time that the Irish Local Government Board abolished pauper nursing in Poor Law infirmaries throughout the country.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss F. E. Capes has been appointed Matron at the Shirley Schools, Wickham Road, Croydon. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, and has held the positions of Head Nurse at Sutton Schools, Charge Nurse at St. Olave's Infirmary, Assistant Matron at the Workhouse, Laitywell, and of Matron at St. Olave's School, St. Michael's Orphanage, and at Morley House, St. Margaret's Bay, near Dover.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Miss Mary Hartley has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Union Infirmary, Portsmouth. She was trained at the Union Hospital, Bradford, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Union Infirmary, Portsmouth.

Miss Elsie Mabel Carter has been appointed Second Assistant Matron at the Southwark Union Infirmary. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and is a member of its Nurses' League.

Miss E. F. Broodbank has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Portland Road Branch of the Brighton Hospital for Women. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary, where she afterwards held the position of Sister. She has also done Matron's holiday duty at the Bute Hospital, Luton. She is certified by the Central Midwives' Board.

SISTERS.

Miss Phoebe Petrie has been appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Truro. She was trained at the Mildmay Mission Hospital and at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and has been Charge Nurse on night duty at Friedenheim (the Home for the Dying at Swiss Cottage), and has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich.

Miss Ethel Kelland has been appointed Sister at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, Wolverhampton. She was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich General Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester.

CHARGE NURSES.

Miss E. Fulford has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Davenham, Cheshire. She was trained at the Salop Infirmary, and has had experience in private nursing at the Nursing Institute, Blackheath.

Miss E. Fenton has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Davenham, Cheshire. She was trained at the County Antrim Infirmary, Lisburn.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss K. Mohan has been appointed Head Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Milnthorpe. She was trained at the Sculcoates Union Infirmary, Hull, and has been Matron at the Hollin Heys Smallpox Hospital.

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