

At a meeting of subscribers of the Halstead and District Nursing Association Mrs. S. Courtauld pointed out that no committee meeting had, she believed, been held for four years, and there had been no balance sheet issued for the same period. That was very unsatisfactory. She represented Halstead at headquarters, and was often asked the most searching questions. The nurse visited a class of people she was never intended to serve, and who were well able to pay for services rendered. She had heard of a case where the nurse had been paid 6d.—twopence a week. She thought there ought to be rules to prevent such circumstances occurring again. Could they not determine that no one should be exempted from payment without a special recommendation from a doctor or clergyman or a member of the committee? Mrs. Deacon, another subscriber, wrote that she considered where public subscriptions were invited the nurse should be provided with more appliances. We are glad that on the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to organise the Association.

There appears to have been every ground for the dismissal of a probationer from the hospital under the management of the North Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board, and the Board approved of the action of the Medical Officer in taking this course.

Nevertheless, as a general principle, we think that the power of both matrons and medical officers should be limited to suspension, the right of discharge being retained in all cases by Committees.

The investigation by the Liverpool Select Vestry into the affairs of the Highfield Infirmary, in which the nurses were concerned, resolved itself mainly into an investigation of differences between Dr. Nevins, the visiting physician, and Dr. Hastings, the resident medical officer at the infirmary. Directions given by Dr. Nevins, and regarded by him as "instructions" were regarded by Dr. Hastings as "suggestions," and this seems to have been at the root of the trouble. The net result is that the Vestry has instructed the Highfield Committee to reorganise the staff of the establishment.

The Birkenhead Guardians, on the motion of Alderman Bulley, have unanimously agreed to engage three extra nurses for night duty, a very necessary decision. Alderman Bulley stated that he was informed that on one occasion only one probationer nurse had been on

duty in charge of eleven wards, and Mrs. Abraham, who seconded the motion, said the state of affairs at the Workhouse Hospital was shocking, and "it was only due to the care and diligence of the nursing staff that they had not had something worse."

A new nursing scheme has been inaugurated in Glasgow, at a meeting held in the house of Mr. Ninian M'Whannell, Waverley Park, when the Trained Nurses' Visiting League was formed. The object is to provide a trained nurse, whose services will be available to members of the League, and the annual subscription is 5s. Provost Macdougall, Pollokshaws, who presided, warmly commended the movement, which, he said, was the first of its kind. In other cases, the services of the nurse were charitable. The League will limit its efforts to the South Side of the city. To make it a success it is estimated that 500 subscribers will be necessary.

On Wednesday evening in last week, Miss Studley, Principal of Ling's Swedish Gymnasium and Institute for Medical Gymnastics and Massage, gave a lecture to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association on "Massage and Medical Gymnastics" in her large Gymnastic Hall, 24, Upper Mount Street, Dublin. After a bright and lucid resumé of treatment by massage from its earliest inception, Miss Studley and her assistants practically demonstrated some of the movements used for treatment of various cases, which was keenly appreciated by the large number of members who had the privilege of being present.

Sister Martha Appelius, and Sister Anna Hock have completed 25 years' service in the Victoria House, Berlin, 20 years with Professor Olshausen in the gynaecological University Clinique. They were greatly honoured on the occasion of the Annual Festival of the House, which took place a few days after their twenty-fifth anniversary, and the Committee presented them with 1,000 marks in appreciation of their good work.

The recent snow storms in Berlin have brought plenty of work to the Red Cross stations, which render first aid. They have had to deal with 131 persons with broken heads and limbs, and the forty horses owned by the Red Cross Society were not sufficient to convey all the severe cases to hospital immediately. The President of the Police, therefore, gave directions that more help should be obtained by notifying the Sanitary Service.

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