

The arguments advanced by Mr. Ransom were uncontrovertible. He gave the names of other institutions, on which ladies had seats on the Board of Management, pointed out that the institution had a distinct claim on the services of women, and that it was a loss to the hospital to be without them, that 100 of the 320 Governors were ladies, and that ladies collected a great deal of money for the hospital, and it was right they should have a voice in spending it.

Dr. G. Robinson, who suggested the formation of a Ladies' Committee to deal with special work, said "it might meet on days when the work of the Board of Management would not be interfered with."

But the women of Bedford have the situation in their own hands. They contribute a considerable sum to the upkeep of the hospital. Let them decline to subscribe or collect another penny until they have some voice in the control of the funds they provide.

The report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Bedford District Nursing Association, of which Mrs. Alfred Paine is Hon. Superintendent, held on the afternoon of the same day, afforded an instructive commentary on the ability of women in matters of business. Mr. Geoffrey Howard, M.P., who proposed the adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, said that morning he had attended a meeting at the Hospital, where the question was whether ladies should be on the Board of Management. One argument against ladies serving on the Committee was that they were so particular about details and not business people. This Association they would notice, was very largely managed by ladies, and if the Hospital accounts would show as well as theirs, he did not think they would have much to complain of.

Miss A. Barling, the Matron of the Kidderminster Infirmary, and Children's Hospital, who is endeavouring to raise funds for the erection of a mortuary chapel in connection with the institution, has obtained a nest egg by the proceeds of a Concert which, organised under her able direction, realised a profit of £50. To this a donation of £10 has already been added, so that a beginning is assured.

The Matron of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital has made several suggestions to the House Committee, concerning the plans for the new laundry and mortuary which have been forwarded to the architect. It is very desirable that Matrons should have the oppor-

tunity of inspecting plans of new departments at an early stage; frequently practical details which might have been included in the original plans have to be introduced at a later date, at considerable inconvenience when this is not done.

The annual report of the Coventry District Nursing Institution presented at the recent annual meeting records the very great regret with which the committee lately received an intimation from Miss Wing that she wished to resign the position of Superintendent, a post which she has held with conspicuous ability since the establishment of the Nursing Home 23 years ago. The Committee desire to place on record their warmest appreciation of Miss Wing's untiring devotion to the interests of the Institution during this long period, and they feel that the success which has attended it has been in great measure due to Miss Wing's zeal and unceasing efforts, and her great love for and interest in the work. Amongst the poorer classes especially, Miss Wing's name has long been a household word, and she will be remembered with love and affection by all with whom she has come in contact.

At a special meeting of the Heanor Nursing Association, which is affiliated to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, the advisability of engaging a second nurse was considered. The Chairman, Mr. J. K. Fletcher, pointed out the need for a second nurse, and considered that the finances warranted a second nurse being engaged.

Dr. W. H. Turton, medical officer, said his experience of the very large district of about 18,000 inhabitants was that even 8,000 was too many for one person. It was absolutely impossible for one nurse to visit so straggling a district. Wherever he went through the district he heard excellent accounts of Nurse Jacock's work. The nurses supplied by the Queen's Nursing Institute were really first-class. He could confidently say that Nurse Jacock's work was much appreciated, and that she had wrought improvements in many homes. There was a great deal of ignorance existing amongst parents, who did not understand their children. There was a great talk at the present time about the mortality of children, which he contended was due to ignorance, but if they had efficient nurses he believed this mortality would go down. He thought those who had so bitterly opposed this venture would soon hang their heads in shame. The Executive Committee was empowered to engage another nurse.

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