

Now that the inquiry is over and the report of the Inspectors of the Local Government Board on the administration of the Hope Hospital of the Salford Union Workhouse has been issued, we may hope that the Guardians will adopt many of the suggestions for the more efficient management of the institution. A high rate of sickness amongst the nurses, in the opinion of Dr. Milner, the visiting medical officer of the hospital, is attributed to the youth of the probationers admitted. The arduous work of a nurse in an infirmary should not be undertaken by any woman before she is twenty-one, and then it is most important that she should be strong physically and mentally. Let the Guardians study the Report on nursing of the Scottish Local Government Board, which has just been issued and appears in this issue of our Journal.

A correspondent who has had practical experience of the comfort obtainable at "Holmwood," Irving Road, Southbourne, near Bournemouth, desires to very cordially recommend it to other women-workers. She writes: "The house has all modern conveniences and the comfort and cleanliness are all that could be wished. Nurses, teachers, business women, or anyone requiring care, would have every kindness and attention. Board-residence, 21s. per week for ladies, and 25s. per week for gentlemen. The Misses Abram and Cox (the proprietors) are gentlewomen, and may be relied upon to give satisfaction to anyone staying with them."

In resigning her connection with the Filey Nursing Fund, with which she has been associated for twelve years, Mrs. Maley says that she is regretfully under the necessity of making this announcement owing to the events of the past few weeks and the interference of meddling busybodies in the management of the Fund. She states also that the work during the last year has been considerably less than that which was for some years well and cheerfully done by one nurse without a word of complaint and although as the result of outside pressure, she has this winter engaged an extra nurse the necessities of the situation have by no means justified the increased expense. The nurses have attended 173 cases and paid 3,983 visits, as against 172 cases and 4,358 visits the year previously.

We think the method of estimating the amount of work done by the number of visits paid is regrettable, as it may be very misleading unless the nature of the case, and the

length of the visit, is taken into account. To estimate the value of a nurse's success by the number of visits she pays, is to produce a tendency to hustle not conducive to the best interests of the sick, but from the point of view of the visits paid, this means that one nurse must pay  $76\frac{1}{2}$  visits a week, that is to say, nearly eleven visits a day, Sunday and weekday alike. We have no hesitation in saying this is too much, and we can imagine that the "interference of meddling busybodies" may have its uses.

We are officially informed that Mrs. Strong—the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow—has not resigned her post, but that her absence is temporary. Mrs. Strong's connection with the Glasgow Royal Infirmary has been long and distinguished. She was the pioneer of a Preliminary Course of Training for Probationers—a system now widely adopted on various lines, more especially in the United States.

The Countess of Mayo reports that after paying all expenses, Major M'Cheane, manager of the Amateur Company, which lately played "Dorothy" at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, in aid of Lady Dudley's District Nurses, has paid over to Lady Dudley's Committee the sum of £135 16s. 1d., and in addition to this the directors of the Theatre Royal have most generously made a donation to the fund of £100, that being their share of the profits after paying expenses.

So many society charitable functions appear to absorb all the profits, that it is good to hear in this instance of so splendid a surplus. We believe each nurse costs about £100 a year, so that Major M'Cheane may congratulate himself that his company have provided the very poorest of Irish peasants with two skilled nurses for twelve months. We congratulate the gallant Major and his talented company.

One of the saddest tragedies in the harrowing calamity which has overwhelmed the beautiful capital of Jamaica, has been the burning alive of forty-six soldiers at the Military Hospital, a fate for these brave men, the terrors of which are difficult to contemplate.

Some of the horrors of the situation were graphically related by Miss Grace Turner, a Red Cross worker living at Passaic, New Jersey, who has arrived at Philadelphia from Kingston. In an interview with the Central News Agency, she said:—

"My mother and I were exploring the ruins

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