

patriotic women to serve their country and demonstrate their patriotism in a very practical way." Some interesting information is also given as to Voluntary Aid in France and Germany.

The writer in a provincial paper recently stated that he had met some "very smart Territorial nurses," "as dapper as you please." One girl in a long military overcoat was riding astride a pretty white mare, her frizzy golden hair escaping from under the military cap that sat jauntily on her head." The Territorial Nurses must not be confused with the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps, to which the above ladies evidently belonged. The word nursing, by the way, in connection with this Corps, is a misnomer, their work is first aid, and we wish the War Office would intimate this to the organisers.

It will be remembered that the Ladywell Committee, with the approval of the Bermondsey Board of Guardians, recently dismissed the Assistant Matron, Miss Lloyd, and the Head Day Nurse, Miss Smithers, and asked the Local Government Board to terminate the engagement of the Superintendent Nurse, Miss Bradish. Their case was subsequently warmly taken up by the National Union of Corporation Workers, who held meetings protesting against the action of the Guardians, and demanding the reinstatement of the nurses.

The Local Government Board has now declined to remove Miss Bradish from office, as she has been more than 13 years in the service of the Guardians, and no charge of neglect of duty has been preferred against her. They suggest that further consideration of her case should be deferred for six months. They consider that Miss Lloyd was primarily responsible for the disagreements which occurred, and concur in the view that her continuance in office as Assistant Matron is undesirable. The Guardians were empowered to determine the appointment of Miss Smithers, but it was suggested by the L.G.B. that unless she had already obtained other employment that the Guardians might be willing to allow her a further trial. In reply to a question at the last meeting of the Guardians it was stated that Nurse Bradish is back at the Infirmary; Nurse Smithers cannot get anything to do, though she has a most excellent testimonial, but there is a clause which says she was dismissed, and, of course, no other Board will take her on; Nurse Lloyd is in a private nursing home in Fulham.

Major Kingsley Foster and Dr. Caldecott, the Medical Superintendent at Earlswood Asylum, have communicated to the local police the serious allegations made by two of the nurses who travelled from London to Redhill by an evening train last week. Investigations are also being made by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Co. The nurses, Miss Holman and Miss Walker, left London by the 9.13 train from London Bridge, and it is stated that a gentleman was the only other occupant of the compartment in which they travelled. Both ladies on arrival at Redhill were in a great state of agitation, and on being taken to the inspector's room, serious allegations were made against their fellow passenger, who was detained for a time, but denied the allegations, and gave his correct name and address. The nurses stated that they tried to pull the communication cord after the train left Croydon, but it would not work.

For the sake of the reputation of the line, which is acquiring a very undesirable notoriety, we hope the officials will clear up this matter. We may draw attention to one arrangement which needs immediate alteration, namely, that in some instances there is communication between adjoining compartments by means of the lavatory, and we know of one instance in which a lady objected to a male passenger who had obviously had more than enough to drink entering her compartment. He got into the adjoining one, and she took the precaution to bolt the communicating door, and later heard the handle being cautiously turned. For the sake of decency and safety, these lavatories should not be accessible to travellers of both sexes.

Lady Hermione Blackwood recently attended the annual meeting of the Portadown District Nursing Society, and spoke in its support. She said that the reason of the recent rapid growth in the popularity of the district nurse was to be found in the fact that in the present day it was being borne in upon the public, and she might say upon the State, that prevention was better and cheaper than cure, and that there was no better agent than the district nurse to do preventive work.

Last week Lady Hermione also opened a new children's hospital, erected by the Belfast Board of Guardians, and named it after her father, the late Lord Dufferin, a fitting tribute to his memory in the city of Belfast, although indeed no memorial is needed to keep that memory green in the minds and hearts of those who know what splendid service he rendered to the Empire.

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