

and Nursing Home be started in connection with the hospital," "and that the profits derived from such an institution should be for the benefit of the hospital" (We quote the *Western Gazette*, Yeovil), the report of the sub-committee was read by Mr. H. B. Petter, the Hon. Secretary, from which we quote the following:—

"It having been suggested that a Nurses' Institution and Nurses' Home would be of great benefit to the town and neighbourhood, the General Committee, at a meeting held on January 20th, 1909, resolved that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Medical Staff and the Treasurer, be formed to thoroughly investigate the possibility of starting such an institution and its probable financial result. This Sub-Committee added to their numbers Mr. Lionel Whitby, chairman of the General Committee, the Matron of the Hospital, and the Honorary Secretary, and on the 1st of June, 1909, they reported to the General Committee that in their opinion the proposal would be of great benefit to the town and neighbourhood, and would probably result in a profit by which the Hospital could benefit. They advise that for the present, instead of building upon the available site behind the Hospital, the house now occupied by the Young Women's Christian Association, and which is available, should be taken for a term at a rental of £60 per annum, the landlord agreeing to do what is necessary to the drains, so that they will pass the Borough Sanitary Authority.

"They estimated the cost of furnishing the building to be £260, and upon this figure they have got out an estimated balance-sheet for the first year for a staff of twelve nurses, presuming that they would receive paying patients indoors for 30 weeks at an average fee of five guineas per week, and that 11 nurses would be engaged at patients' houses each for 4½ weeks in the year at an average of 30s. per week."

The Mayor proposed "That the house now occupied by the Y.W.C.A. be taken on the lines of the recommendation of the Hospital Committee, for the purpose of forming a Nurses' Institute and Nursing Home." Dr. Hunt seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, saying that he fully agreed with the principle of it!

Dr. Hunt writes that our statement, which he quotes at the head of his letter, is "absolutely untrue," but he contradicts himself flatly when he continues that "the Surgical Home (to be managed by the Matron of the Yeovil Hospital) proposes, if any balance is over at the end of the year, to hand it to the Hospital."

As 30s. a week is to be charged for the private nurses' services to the public, it would be interesting to learn what Dr. Hunt considers "their proper wages." We shall then know if the Committee will farm them out at a profit or not.—Ed.]

INDIAN ARMY NURSING.

To the Editor of the "*British Journal of Nursing*."

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to Miss D. M. Moore's letter in your issue of June 19th it appears to me that Miss Moore fails to understand how matters in civil hospitals in India actually stand. I for one should never dream of recommending for the Q.A.M.N.S.I. a candidate possessing a "terrible accent and all the manners of the Eurasian." There are, however others, "educated, refined girls,"

gentlewomen educated in some instances in England, and quite fitted to mix in that society of which Miss Moore writes, whom force of circumstances has brought out to the East. These ladies, notwithstanding the facts that they possess influence, their relatives holding good appointments in the Army, and that they themselves have been trained for three years in a good hospital where diseases peculiar to the tropics are nursed, are at present refused posts in the Q.A.M.N.S.I. simply because they do not happen to have received their training in England. All of us who may have had anything to do with Army nursing, either at home or in India, know the great care that is necessary in England in the selection of suitable candidates. Surely this same caution could be used in the case of candidates trained in India.

I am,

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