

untrue, they were further damaging to her professional reputation, and she had had no opportunity of refuting them. The Board then decided to suspend the Matron, the result of which, it is anticipated, will be that a Local Government Board enquiry will be ordered.

We do not propose to discuss the merits and demerits of the situation, but simply to point out that many Boards of Guardians are so lacking in knowledge of nursing matters that when friction arises in Poor Law Infirmaries the nursing staffs are not wholly to blame, though they are often made scapegoats.

The Hospital for Women in West Street, Brighton, is in need of funds, and we hope the Pound Day Fund it is proposed to raise will meet with success. Each year its nurses attend nearly 1,000 mothers in Brighton and Hove, giving them the advantage of the best midwifery skill. These facts and the usefulness of the work in promoting the healthiness of the race by arresting disease at the outset of life should appeal to all sections of the community and should insure a great success for the Ladies' Committee who are organising the effort. Pounds in money or in useful articles will be gratefully received at 76, West Street, 8, Richmond Place, or 9, Portland Road, Hove.

Under the genial supervision of Miss Summers, the Matron, the North Lonsdale Hospital at Barrow is exceedingly popular with all classes of the community. A new wing has just been provided for the use of the nurses, which consists of sitting-rooms, bedrooms, and other conveniences which are necessary for their work. For some time past some of the nurses have had to sleep out. This is not a satisfactory arrangement, and now the staff will be housed under one roof. We hope funds will be forthcoming to meet the increased expense, and place this useful hospital out of debt.

Scottish nurses owe a deep debt of gratitude to Miss McNeillie, who, since its formation in July, has single-handed done the whole secretarial work of the Scottish Nurses' Association.

On account of her other duties, she found it impossible to allow herself to be proposed for re-election as Hon. Secretary for the coming year at a meeting of the Association held in Glasgow on Saturday last. No one in Scotland has done harder or better work for the cause of State Registration.

Miss McNeillie was trained in the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow under Mrs. Strong, and

has for seven years been Matron of the beautiful little hospital for Scottish soldiers at Rosneath, which is kept up solely by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll. The hospital is a *home* in every sense of the word, being much the same as when the Princess herself occupied it before the commencement of the war in South Africa.

At a recent meeting of the Corporation of Glasgow, Mr. Pratt called attention to the nursing staffs in the hospitals. At Belvidere, where there were 778 cases, there was, he said, a nursing staff of 147; at Ruchill, where there were 601 cases, the nursing staff was 164. He referred to the recent inquiry in regard to Ruchill, and stated that in that hospital in December, 1907, they had an average of 700 cases and a nursing staff of 168, and the Commissioners stated that that was not a sufficient staff. He would, he said, feel grateful if the convener could give some reassurance in regard to these figures. Mr. Steele said the only assurance he could give Mr. Pratt was that the nursing staff had been kept up to what the officials of the hospital thought requisite. He had asked the same question at both hospitals within the last fortnight, and he was assured that the staffs were sufficient for the present work of the hospitals. Since the last return was issued 30 other nurses had been taken on.

A spirited and interesting lecture on Women's Suffrage was delivered on Saturday evening last to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association by Miss White, LL.D., Principal of Alexandra College, Dublin. A large number of Matrons and Nurses were present. The chair was taken by the President, Miss Lamont. Miss Falkiner, Hon. Secretary of the Dublin Branch of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, also spoke, and Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, in an interesting little speech, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, which was seconded by Miss Keogh, Lady Superintendent, Richmond Hospital.

Oxo Competition

We have pleasure in calling attention to the Nurses' Competition, organised by Oxo, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, E.C.; full details of which appeared on page iv. of our advertisement pages last week. Competitors are asked to send in short reports of benefit derived from Oxo, which have come under their observation. All reports will be treated confidentially. £50 are offered in prizes.

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