

An amendment to refer the matter back was rejected, and the House Committee's recommendation confirmed.

In connection with the strike of nurses at the York Union Workhouse on account of the dietary supplied to them, to which we have referred in our editorial, we observe that the medical officer reported to the Board that he was "constantly attending the nurses because they would not eat meat—they were getting run down." We can only say that in an extensive experience we have never known nurses refuse good food wholesomely cooked. On the contrary, they are hungrily ready for it. We share the opinion of Alderman Carter—a butcher and ex-Lord Mayor of York—who told the Guardians that he would rather feed the nurses than give them medicines, and he would rather pay for English meat than have foreign given.

The *Aberdare Weekly Post* reports that the reason for the resignation of Miss Owen from the nursing staff of the isolation hospital, under the Aberdare District Council, was the conduct of the Matron towards her. Our contemporary states "on most trustworthy evidence" that in a signed statement the nurse accused the Matron of having used abusive language to her, of having subjected her to a great deal of persecution, and of having twitted her about her religion, and that at the subsequent meeting of the Hospital Committee, at which the matter was discussed, Miss Owen adhered to her signed statement, and bore the ordeal of cross-examination unflinchingly. The committee must have found that both Miss Owen and Miss Templeman had just grievances, as the Master and Matron were dismissed, but upon reconsideration were permitted to resign.

Writing on "The Woman's Part in Canada" in the "Woman's Platform" of the *Standard*, Miss Carrie Love, a Canadian journalist, says: "Nurses who take a case get £5 a week." We know that this high fee is the exception in Canada, and, considering that "Canadian trained" is the medical demand throughout the Dominion, we do not advise trained nurses to emigrate who have no professional prospects. The Colonial Intelligence League notify twelve vacancies for probationers at "a large hospital in Western Canada." No doubt these are the openings at Winnipeg General Hospital offered by Miss Wilson through this journal a few weeks ago. We consider this an excellent chance for those women who wish to nurse in Canada.

## REFLECTIONS,

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

A number of the residents in Chiswick have wisely come to the conclusion that a very determined effort should be made to show their appreciation of, and gratitude to the West London Hospital at Hammersmith for the benefits which have been received for a great number of years by the poor of the neighbourhood. It has been decided therefore to organise a splendid bazaar in May in aid of this invaluable charity.

The committee have been fortunate to secure the personal interest of charming Queen Amélie of Portugal, who has paid one visit to the hospital, and who has consented to open the bazaar on the first day. Mrs. C. M. Tuke is chairman of the bazaar committee, Mrs. Shuter, Mrs. Finnis and Miss Amy Sich hon. secretaries, and Mr. P. W. Ramsay Murray hon. treasurer. To bring the West London Hospital up to date, and fit it to cope with the growing demands of the district, a great extension is necessary. One hundred additional beds could be easily utilised, a new nurses' home is terribly needed, science demands a pathological block and mortuary, and to complete the scheme an extension of the administrative block fronting the Hammersmith Road. It is to be hoped that Queen Amélie will bring some millionaires in her train!

This reminds us that Queen Amélie is named after her celebrated great grandmother, Marie Amélie de Bourbon, the wife of Louis Philippe, last King of the French. Those who have visited Versailles will remember her charming portrait in the Musée de Versailles, by Mme. Vigée le Brun, which is reproduced as a frontispiece in her life, a most fascinating work written by Mr. C. C. Dyson. This delightful Queen wrote the sweetest letters to her sons, of whom she had five—all very distinguished men—and one, the Duc de Nemours, writing to inform his son of her death, said: "The Queen is no more. We have lost the dear mother who was revered as a kind of Divinity in our family. It is a great blow to all of us, but we have the consolation of knowing that the sorrows and trials of her life are at last over, and that she has entered the enjoyment of the eternal happiness which her great virtues have won for her." There are many lessons in heroism and family affection to be learnt from "The Life of Marie Amélie, Last Queen of the French."

The London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., has received £1,000 from an Anonymous Lady to extend the Convalescent Home for the reception of Men Patients as well as for Women and Children as at present. The Fund now reaches £1,600. It is estimated that about £3,000 will be required; and Colonel Clifton Brown, the Treasurer of the Home, has just sent a cheque for £500, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Dysart has promised £100 if the remaining £800 is donated or promised so that the Home can be

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