

The Rev. W. Cyril Winter Forster, of The Presbytery, Palace Street, Buckingham Gate, S.W., has bequeathed £3,000 to Mildred Darvill, in remembrance of her work with him at Millbank Hospital, and for nursing him through two serious illnesses. It is becoming quite usual for people to remember nurses who have cared for them with devotion, in their wills.

The following extraordinary by-law has been adopted by the Committee of the General Hospital, Nottingham:—

“ Any clergyman or minister may nominate a lady to represent him under Rule 93, who shall have permission to visit any parishioner or member of his congregation in the women's wards of the Hospital who shall so request. Such clergyman or minister shall send to the secretary of the Hospital the name and address of the lady so nominated. Any lady visiting the Hospital under this bye-law shall comply at once with any wish expressed by the doctor, matron, or sister of the ward in which the patient is, but if she thinks such wish unreasonable she shall be at liberty to complain to the House Committee, whose duty it shall be to investigate the matter. The House Committee may withdraw the permission at any time.”

To make provision for complaints against members of the medical and nursing staffs by casual visitors nominated by unofficial clergymen will surely lead to friction. A committee should be very careful not to add to the difficulties of its officials by ill-advised by-laws. Clergymen and their nominees are hardly qualified to discriminate as to the reasons influencing doctors and nurses when expressing their wishes in connection with the treatment of the patients.

After a keen contest the fifth annual competition in home nursing and hygiene for the Hedderwick Cup was won over three opposing teams by the Edinburgh Women's No. 1 Section of the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association at Glasgow.

Four teams also entered for the Anderson Cup presented for efficiency in the same subjects. It was won by the St. Margaret's Works N.B.R. team.

The arbiters in the competition were Dr. Robert B. Carslaw and Miss J. M. Morton, matron of the Samaritan Hospital, Glasgow, the arrangements being carried out by Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Barnes, general secretary of the Association.

At the close of the competition the cups and badges were presented to the successful teams by Mrs. W. J. Anderson.

The Committee of the Stonehaven Nursing Association were in the pleasant position of reporting to the annual meeting a balance in hand of £100 6s. 6½d. at the end of the financial year, which shows that the services of the nurse, Miss Birrell, who has served the Association faithfully for fourteen years, are much valued. The Committee decided to show their appreciation of her services by awarding her a gratuity of £5.

During the year ending on February 14th Miss Birrell attended 75 cases and paid 2,022 visits. Miss Baird, of Urie, and Miss Duff, of Fetteresso, were appointed Presidents, and Mrs. Thomson, Claremont, and Mrs. Burnett, Fetteresso Manse, joint secretaries.

Mr. H. R. Williams, a Local Government Board Inspector, reported to the Dolgelly Guardians that on the occasion of his last visit to the workhouse there was not one official able to give the necessary and suitable nursing attention to the many helpless, infirm, aged, and sick inmates. Proper nursing was so essential that it was very much to be hoped the Guardians would no longer delay doing the right thing, which was to appoint a thoroughly experienced nurse. Every visit he made to the house proved more and more that the best interest of the ratepayers would not be secured until a suitable nurse was appointed, and the benefit to the sick poor would be incalculable.

Mr. D. E. Davies, who from the first opposed the appointment of a nurse, said it was childish to suppose the Guardians were to be dictated to by the officials in London in the midst of their luxuries. Ultimately it was decided to defer the matter for a month, and ask the inspector to meet the Guardians. Meanwhile, we suppose, the sick poor are to be without “ necessary and suitable nursing attention.”

*La Garde-Malade Hospitalière* claims that the system of nursing originated by Florence Nightingale is the only right system, and adds: To abandon nurse pupils to medical practitioners for their instruction makes pseudo-doctors of them, and if they are given over entirely to the will of the administration, servants are made of them. Only under the system of Florence Nightingale is it possible to avoid this double danger, and to teach them their own special work—true nursing.

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