

Miss Annie Damer sailed for the United States on Saturday. During her six months' visit to England she has been around in the Nursing World and endeared herself to many friends. We are all sorry to say good-bye to her.

We are glad to hear that the Wolverhampton Board of Guardians expressed due appreciation of the act of a member of the nursing staff at the Workhouse Infirmary, in allowing a portion of the skin of her arm to be transferred to a patient. The Clerk said that there was no nursing staff which displayed greater kindness and carefulness than the staff of their infirmary.

The Boarding-Out Committee reported that Miss Todd, the Local Government Inspector, had laid before the committee the result of her inspection of the homes of the children boarded out. Mr. S. R. Rhodes, in moving the adoption of the report, stated that Miss Todd's report confirmed all that had been said about the homes by Miss Carter. It was evident that Miss Todd had gone into the cases very carefully and she had made certain valuable suggestions which would be adopted in due course.

The five probationer nurses who struck work at the Fusehill Workhouse, Carlisle, and who were reinstated pending an inquiry, have resigned from January 1st, but pending the Local Government Board inquiry, being held this week, the Board deferred considering the resignations. We are glad to note that Mr. Lowry, the local inspector, has had the sense to request that he may be relieved of the duty of holding the inquiry. Mr. Ellis, of Newcastle, is to act instead.

As this friction has arisen in the nursing department, no report can be accepted as satisfactory unless a nurse inspector is associated with Mr. Ellis, and the probationers whose conduct has been impugned have a very good cause for profound dissatisfaction that no expert is to inquire into the matter and help to arrive at a just professional conclusion.

The Mansfield Board of Guardians are apparently a very facetious body, to judge from their irresponsible discussion of nursing affairs at a recent meeting.

A question which concerned the clothing and general well-being of the probationer nurses cropped up on a report of the Infirmary Committee, Mr. Mein complaining that the Mansfield Board were being left behind in their chances of selecting nurses of right stamp. His

contention was that they were being out-bid by other institutions and workhouses who employed nurses. At Mansfield they paid a probationer nurse £5 a year, and he believed that the reduction for superannuation took 16s. out of that, and unless a girl had someone to subsidise her she could scarcely buy shoes with the difference. He suggested that they should not confine the salaries of probationers to £5 a year.

Mr. Bonser mentioned that a probationer's salary carried with it indoor and outdoor uniform, and £5 was only needed to buy boots.

Mr. Todd: A girl needs something besides boots, surely: (Laughter.)

The Rev. E. H. Mullins wished to know if the outfits of the probationers included stockings, because if they did it seemed necessary that they should also provide boots to protect the stockings in the ratepayers' interests. To dress a girl in hat, cloak, and other things, and then not have her well shod, was a great mistake. He should like to move that the probationer nurses in the future be booted and (as an afterthought) spurred. (Laughter.)

Mr. Todd: Booted outside? (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Bonser: We can make them more bootiful than ever. (Loud laughter.)

The scarcity of the best nursing material for training at Mansfield may, we consider, be credited to other reasons than the inadequate shoe salary of £5.

Speaking of the Delhi Durbar the *Nursing Journal of India* states: "Those of us who were privileged to see the spectacle agree that we had never seen anything like it, for order and magnificence. It was splendid and impressive to a degree, but withal there was a marked simplicity in the ceremonial. H.I.M. the King-Emperor's voice was clear and carried well and his speech and proclamation received enthusiastic cheers. H.I.M. the Queen-Emress looked sweeter than any portrait we have seen of her, and we heartily agree with her in respect of a loan exhibit representing their Imperial Majesties, on inspecting which the Queen-Emress, after close scrutiny, turned to her suite and observed pathetically, 'Surely I don't look like that!'"

Queen Alexandra has greatly gratified the committee and nursing staff of the Sheffield Queen Victoria District Nursing Association, by the gift of a beautiful autograph portrait of herself. It has been hung in the council room at the Nurses' Home, Glossop Road.

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