

to a recent visit to a ward, in which there was no nurse, where a patient, she understood to be in a dying condition, tried to get out of bed. She supported her, and had she not been present the patient might have got out of bed and died. Mrs. Hooper said she gave the patient brandy and milk that was by the bedside, and presumably for her use.

The Master told Mrs. Hooper she was unduly interfering with the administration of the House—she having brought in Brand's Essence, which he handed to the nurse who objected to the Guardians feeding the patients; and he sought a ruling from the Board, as there had never been any complaints until Mrs. Hooper came as a Guardian.

The Medical Officer said the reason Mrs. Hooper found no one in the ward was because the nurses generally kept out of the way when visitors or friends came, in order that they might not be thought curious. The nurse on duty at the time was dressing a limb upstairs.

We are of opinion that the infirmary is understaffed with trained nurses, as untrained attendants require constant supervision. The present staff only provides for one trained nurse to supervise the care of sixty patients in fourteen different wards on day or night duty. That during the day, when the trained nurse is at meals or off duty these patients are presumably left without skilled attention at all, and that as one woman cannot be in fourteen different places at once, it is absolutely impossible for her to supervise efficiently the care of the sick, much less nurse them sufficiently.

We agree that no individual Guardian has any right to treat, feed, or interfere with the nursing of the patients, and that any such interference must and does undermine the discipline of the administration. Therefore it is the duty of the Board of Guardians as a whole to provide sufficient skilled care for the sick in their charge. Sufficient skilled nursing is evidently not provided at the Tendring Workhouse, and in supplementing it through the kindness of her heart, we cannot find it in ours to blame Mrs. Hooper. We still regret that her fellow Guardians failed to support her resolution, and hope the platitudinous pronouncement incorporated in the following resolution which they passed *nem con.*, may be rescinded at an early date, and a system of nursing adopted by which it will be possible to secure to the patients a standard at once sufficient, efficient, and humane. Until which time we repeat, "Poor old people!"

#### MOTION ADOPTED.

"That, having made exhaustive enquiry into the discipline of the infirmary, and having fully satisfied themselves that every care and attention is paid to the patients by the medical officer, and by the Master and his staff, and that every comfort, medical and otherwise, required by the patients is properly supplied, the Guardians resolve that the L.G.B. orders relating to the Government of the Workhouse as to the admission of visitors and the dietary of the patients shall be strictly enforced in future."

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Wharfedale Joint Isolation Hospital, Menston, Leeds.**—Miss L. Booth has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Bury Infirmary, and has held the following posts: Sister Bury Infirmary, Nurse-Matron Spennywood Isolation Hospital, and Matron for four years of the Ormskirk, Isolation Hospital.

**Bramcote Sanatorium for Consumption, Nuneaton.**—Miss M. Brewer Brice has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the West London Hospital, Hammer-smith, Sister, Night Superintendent, Home Sister, and Deputy Matron at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, London.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss M. E. Kennett has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Keighley General Hospital, and Plaistow Fever Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and at Boston Hospital, and Sister at Essex County Hospital, and Plaistow Fever Hospital.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Fulwood Workhouse, Preston.**—Miss Louisa Reidy has been appointed Night Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, London, S.W., and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Lewisham, Sister at the Portsmouth Union, and Head Nurse at the Chard Union.

### SCHOOL NURSE.

**County of Haddington, Secondary Education Committee, Haddington.**—Miss M. B. Kennedy has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Gateside Hospital, Greenock, and Eastpark Home for Infirm Children, Glasgow, and has experience in private nursing.

**Enfield Education Committee, Enfield.**—Miss Ethel Sanders has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the General Hospital, Hampstead.

### HEALTH VISITOR.

**County Borough of Derby.**—Miss Rebecca Draper has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse in surgical, medical, children's, and tuberculosis wards.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Staff Nurse Miss Katherine E. Hearn resigns her appointment (Oct. 26th).

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following Nursing Sisters have been permitted to resign the service:—Miss Georgina Mary

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