

London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

July 30th, 1913.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolution your Society has passed, and which has apparently been sent to all the members of the House Committee of this Hospital, except Mr. Holland.*

I am to say that the public engage nurses on the Private Staff of the London Hospital because they are good nurses, and not because they have received any special number of years' training, and it is the business of the authorities here to see that no nurse is sent out to nurse cases until she is properly trained; and this they do. To say that because some other Hospital cannot train a nurse under three years, we at the "London" who can train her in two, have no right to send her to cases before three years so that we shall not compete with the other Hospital, appears to the Committee a ridiculous position, and they do not know what you mean by stating that it is economically unsound.

I am to say that your resolution shows lamentable ignorance of the reputation and success of the London Hospital Nurses.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

431, Oxford Street, London, W.

July 31st, 1913.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of July 30th. You will observe that in forwarding to the House Committee of the London Hospital a copy of the Resolution passed on July 18th, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, I was directed to ask you, as the Secretary of that institution, to bring it before the House Committee, and not for any expression of a personal opinion. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will inform me whether you have placed this Resolution before the House Committee of the London Hospital, and if so, what reply you were directed to address to me.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Sec.*

London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

August 5th, 1913.

DEAR MADAM,—In reference to your letter of the 31st ult., I beg to inform you that Mr. E. W. Morris, the Secretary, is away at present. Your letter of the 24th ult. arrived too late for him to place the matter before the House Committee at their last meeting before adjourning for the holidays. Mr. Morris, however, had the advantage of seeing a considerable number of the most active members of the Committee, and of obtaining their instructions as to the answer.

* The letters both to the Chairman and the members of the Committee were posted on the same day.

There is not any doubt but that the whole Committee would endorse what Mr. Morris has written, which did not necessarily convey his personal opinion, but which did convey the opinion of those who instructed him.

In order that the whole Committee may be conversant with what has passed, I am forwarding copies of the correspondence to every member.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR G. ELLIOTT, *Assist. Sec.*

431, Oxford Street, London, W.

August 12th, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 5th inst., in which you inform me that Mr. E. W. Morris, the Secretary of the London Hospital, has taken the responsibility of withholding my communication of July 24th from the House Committee of the London Hospital, to whom he was requested to present it.

As I presume that the routine business of that institution does not stop automatically in the absence of the Secretary, I shall be obliged if you will place the aforesaid communication before the House Committee at its next meeting, as my Committee does not recognise the right of Mr. E. W. Morris to decide what public business addressed to it shall be submitted to, and what withheld, from his Committee as a whole, in meeting assembled.

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Sec.*

London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

August 20th, 1913.

DEAR MADAM,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. I will certainly see that your communication dated July 24th is brought before the House Committee at their next meeting. This, however, will not take place until October 3rd, since the Committee has disbanded for the vacation.

I should like to correct a misapprehension under which you labour. You state that I informed you that Mr. E. W. Morris "had taken the responsibility of withholding your communication from the Committee." If you will refer to my letter you will see that I made no such statement whatever. What I did say was that your letter arrived too late for him to place the matter before the House Committee.

Your letter, though dated July 24th, did not arrive until July 28th, the actual day of the last meeting of the House Committee previous to the vacation. It was not possible to bring the matter forward then owing to the quantity of other business which had to be dealt with.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR G. ELLIOTT, *Assist. Sec.*

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