

The Wolverhampton Board of Guardians recognise the good work of the District Nurses by an annual grant of 30 guineas.

As the demand for the services of the nurses of the Halifax District Nursing Association has been so great, and also in view of the coming winter, the Ladies' Committee has been authorised to appoint another nurse, which will bring up the total number of nurses employed to seven.

A nurse writes asking if it would be *infra dig.* to take up chiropody as a profession. "I am led to ask you this question," she says, "because of the great amount of discomfort and suffering I have noticed amongst my fellow-nurses in hospital, and because I absolutely had to go off duty for a month with a most painful corn on the sole of my foot, which cost me two guineas to have cured. It is work I should like, and one could help a good bit, it seems to me, by advising about supports, shoes, stockings, how to care for the feet in many ways."

We replied no honest work was *infra dig.* That chiropody could be made quite a refined occupation for an intelligent and skilled nurse, and should also be remunerative, especially if the care of the feet and massage were made part of the business. Apparently chiropody is beneath the notice of the surgeon, and yet how much acute suffering might be saved by more intelligent attention to corns, nails, and the muscles of the feet. The nurse-chiropodist could be a very beneficent person.

The Atcham Board of Guardians have resolved to formulate a scheme for the training of nurses.

This decision is the outcome of the difficulty the Board has experienced for some time past in finding suitable candidates to fill up vacancies that have occurred on their nursing staff.

The Guardians of the Ecclesall Union Hospital have agreed to extend the nursing staff by an additional five probationers. These appointments will reduce the weekly working hours of night nurses from 81 to 74, and the hours of probationers from 68½ to 60.

We do not wonder that there is difficulty in obtaining the right sort of woman to work in rural Poor Law infirmaries if the scandalous conduct of the nurses at the Cuckfield Workhouse, Sussex, is overlooked, as it has been, by the Guardians. Recently there was a "ragging" episode at the Workhouse, when in the absence of the superintendent nurse five of the young nurses "frog-marched" one of



FOUR ZULU NURSES; ALL SPEAK AND WRITE ENGLISH WELL.

their number who was leaving for another position, and immersed her in a bath of water fully dressed, believing her to have been guilty of tittle-tattling to the matron. Though reprimanded, these rowdy women were not discharged, as they should have been. We learn that if there had not been the difficulty of filling the positions, there would have been dismissals. We hope the ratepayers will keep an eye on this institution.

The Local Government Board, as constituted, is a very non-effective machine where nursing is concerned. A Matron in Chief please, and the sooner the better.

At a recent meeting of the Derby Guardians it was stated that the dispensing at the

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