

to call upon a nurse to resign without giving a reason, being apprehensive that the clause might be utilised for getting rid of a nurse who showed too much interest in her trade union. He advocated that the power of the committee should be limited to suspending a nurse and that the Board should keep in its own hands power of discharge.

We consider that hospital committees, Boards of Guardians and other public authorities should always keep the dismissal of their employees in their own hands, the power of officials or sub-committees being limited to suspension, which, in practice, is found to be all that is needed for the maintenance of discipline.

At a recent meeting of the Steyning Guardians Mr. H. Mews, on behalf of the House Committee reported that letters had been received from the Medical Officer and the Superintendent Nurse respecting the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the recommendation of that Committee that a sub-Committee should be appointed to go fully into the matter. He said it appeared that about 1924 all nurses would have been to be registered, and under the present circumstances at the Infirmary they could not train the nurses to comply with the conditions of this new order on account of the scarcity of cases. There were very few confinement cases, and practically the only other work they had was waiting on the sick. It would, therefore, seem that they must either give up training nurses altogether, and instead of having probationers engage fully qualified nurses, or else endeavour to extend the work at the infirmary by drawing in cases from all the parishes of the Union—he supposed on the payment of fees. He believed it was a rather big question and a small Committee was suggested to go thoroughly into it.

Dr. Rogers-Tillstone said the subject was a very wide one, and he did not suppose the Committee would be in a position to report inside six months if the work were done thoroughly.

The proposal was approved, and a sub-Committee appointed, comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, Dr. Rogers-Tillstone, Mrs. Burden, Miss Steward, Miss Kenyon Stow and Mr. H. Mews.

It is quite a pleasant change to hear of a Nursing Association in as sound a financial condition as that at Gillingham, where the

Committee stated in their annual report recently presented to its supporters, that the whole of the mortgage on the Nurses' Home is now paid off, and £1,000 still lying to the credit of the Association on deposit with the bankers. This state of affairs has been largely brought about by the magnificent gift of £1,304 from the ex-Service men of Gillingham, and the Committee desire to place on record their deep appreciation of this generosity.

Alderman Griffin said the services of the nurses were greatly appreciated, and from time to time he had expressions of deep thankfulness from husbands for the help they had received. He hoped donations and subscriptions would come in so well that the Committee would be able to keep the £1,000 on deposit at the bank.

Miss Glass, Q.V.J.I. inspector, said the Queen's nurses were trained to leave homes better than they found them, and she was glad that the services of the nurses in Gillingham were appreciated. She was pleased that the Committee had been able to renovate the nurses' home, and hoped they would soon be able to appoint a third nurse. Gillingham was a wide area, and the distance the nurses had to travel made them over-tired.

Miss Ethel H. Butts, President of the Occidental Graduate Nurses' Association of Korea, gives a very interesting report in the *American Journal of Nursing* of its annual meeting at the Severance Hospital, Seoul, which included graduates from America, Canada and Australia. The most unique session of the whole convention was a large public meeting in honour of Florence Nightingale's 101st birthday anniversary. At eight o'clock the meeting opened by a "pipe organ solo" on the only pipe organ in Korea. The door of the church opened, and the nurses in uniform marched down the aisle.

The Occidental nurses came first in their white uniforms, and there were no two graduates from the same hospital. Then came the graduate Korean nurses in white uniforms, followed by the student nurses from the Severance Hospital and East Gate Hospital. These Korean nurses had blue uniforms and white aprons and caps. A large number of Korean nurses from the Government Hospital followed these, and last, seventy Japanese nurses, dressed in kimonos, and wearing wooden sandals. Never before had such a large number of nurses met in Korea.

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