

supper. She even brightened his dreary room with holly and evergreen, and made up his fire with a yule-log from her own stack.

Dicky received all her attentions in profound silence. Not a single gleam lighted up his dull face. The chicken might have been corned beef, and the cracking, glowing log a shovelful of slack. The kind nurse went home very disappointed.

But on Boxing Day the Vicar received an urgent request to come *at once* and see Dicky. Wondering what was the matter, he went. Dicky was up, and sitting in his one easy chair by the fire. By his side stood an ancient desk from which he produced some equally ancient writing materials.

"Are you able to write plain and clear?" asked Dicky.

The Vicar admitted with a smile that he thought he could do so.

"Then take down what I tell you—write it large and black. Then I'll make *my* mark and you'll make your'n."

"Yes, my lad, yes—what shall I write?"

Dicky's voice was very emphatic, his face very red. "Write this," he commanded:

"I, Richard Rawlins, *stole* them there seed pertaters orf of the nurse. Richard Rawlins, his mark."

With interest Dicky watched the Vicar as he wrote. His mark was duly added, and the Vicar's signature.

"What am I to do with this, Dicky?"

"You're to show it to everyone you meet," was the reply. "Promise me, Vicar."

"Well, I don't know that I can show it to everyone I meet," said the Vicar with another smile, "but I will certainly make it known to those concerned"; and Dicky had to be content.

Having thus relieved his conscience, Dicky arose and went about his work. There was a great deal of sickness just then, and he did not see Nurse Allison until New Year's Eve, when she fetched him to have tea in her cottage.

Arrayed in his Sunday best, looking very self-conscious and shamefaced, he walked by her side the length of the village street listening silently to her cheery talk. People came to their doors and windows to look after them. Not a word did he speak, but when she took his hat to hang up in her little lobby, there were tears in his eyes and his face quivered with emotion.

She put her hand on his arm.

"Dicky, we are going to forget all about those potatoes. I never gave you a hard thought, my lad. And now it is all cleared up and done with, and we'll be the best of friends in future."

And so they were—nay, more, Dicky became Nurse Allison's devoted knight. It would have gone hard with anyone who said a word against her in his hearing, for he was a big, strongly-built fellow. But from that time forth nobody wished to say anything unkind, for the villagers had the grace to feel ashamed. The Vicar preached a sermon on the sin of scandal-mongering, and the tide of public opinion set as strongly in her favour as it had once set against her.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND, HELD AT 13, MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 1922.

At the first meeting of the new Council, fourteen members were present.

It was intimated that the Privy Council had appointed Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., as their representative on the Council; that the Scottish Education Department had appointed Miss Nora Milnes, B.Sc., Director of the School of Social Study and Training, The University, Edinburgh, as their nominee; and that the Scottish Board of Health had appointed Dr. A. E. Chalmers, Medical Officer of Health, Glasgow, Dr. Katherine Clark, Assistant Medical Officer, Edinburgh Education Authority, Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and Dr. J. S. Y. Rogers, D.S.O., Dundee, as their representatives.

On the motion of Colonel Mackintosh, seconded by Miss Gill, Sir John Lorne MacLeod was unanimously re-elected Chairman; and on the motion of Miss Gill, seconded by Miss Merchant, Miss Milnes was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Registration Committee.—Miss Gill, Convener; Miss Burleigh; Miss Davidson; Miss Donald; Miss Edmondson; Miss Fraser; Miss Merchant; Miss Thomas; Miss White.

Education and Examination Committee.—Colonel Mackintosh, Convener; Sir John Lorne MacLeod; Miss Milnes; Miss Burleigh; Dr. Chalmers; Miss Davidson; Miss Edmondson; Miss Fraser; Miss Gill; Miss Merchant; Dr. Rogers; Miss Thomas.

Finance Committee.—Dr. Katherine Clark, Convener, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Miss Milnes, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Dr. Rogers, Miss Thomas.

Uniform Committee.—Miss Merchant, Convener, Miss Burleigh, Miss Donald, Miss Gill, Miss Thomas.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.—Miss White, Convener, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Dr. Katherine Clark, Miss Davidson, Miss Edmondson, Colonel Mackintosh, Dr. Rogers, Miss Thomas.

A letter was submitted from the Scottish Board of Health enquiring whether the Council had now formed a Register in terms of Section 2 of the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, and whether they were of opinion that public notice should now be given by the Board that the Register had been compiled. The Registrar was instructed to reply to the Board that the Register had been compiled, and that the Council were of opinion that public notice to this effect should now be given.

A letter was submitted from the Scottish Board of Health intimating approval of the Council's amendments to Rules, namely: New Rules

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