

it was never more unanimous than when it voted to acquire the house. The Ministry of Health, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Lowry, at once supported them, and they hoped that for a long time it would be a source of comfort and convenience to the nurses. It was well called a Nurses' Home, and he hoped it would unite in itself all the best qualities of the best home, and that it would be the scene of mutual concession and mutual respect, and that the nurses who lived there from time to time would combine in a life for the common good, strengthening one another in goodness and knowledge, and growing more and more in real patience and sympathy with those entrusted to their care in the neighbouring building.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of Management of the Cork Mental Hospital the minutes of the House and Finance Committee stated that it was recommended that a fine of 10s. be imposed on Attendant Jerh. Hickey, who was seen by the Resident Medical Superintendent diluting with water the milk provided for the patients at the workshop.

The Chairman, Mr. P. Murphy, M.C.C., expressed the opinion that the fine was definitely fixed at 20s. They had reports about adulterated milk being sent into the institution, and that was bad enough without one of their employees increasing the deficiency by adding water to the milk.

Mr. Good explained that the attendant responsible found the milk had been accidentally spilled, and he put in some water in order that the patients would not be deprived of their allowance. His only neglect was that he did not report the accidental upsetting of the milk.

Attendant Hickey was then called before the meeting, and said the milk was accidentally spilled by one of the patients. He did not report the matter. He was new to the job. He tried to carry on and stretch the milk as far as possible, and for that purpose he added some water. While he was doing so the Resident Medical Superintendent came on him.

Prof. Stockley inquired what would have happened if the matter had been reported.

The Resident Medical Superintendent said the milk would have been replenished. The attendant did not want to go to the bother of reporting the matter.

The attendant was fined 10s.

The Resident Medical Superintendent also mentioned that he had received a communication from the Attendants' Organisation registering an emphatic protest against the action

of the Committee of Management at its July meeting in promoting a junior third-class attendant to relieve an officer in the stores and setting aside the applications of first-class men, many years his seniors, without even giving them a chance to prove their efficiency. They asked that their protest be recorded, so that it should not be in the power of the committee's successors to taunt them with having allowed the transaction to pass unchallenged. The committee having now trampled upon the conditions of promotion already existing, they respectfully invited it to define its position regarding promotion in the future. If it was the intention of the committee that positions which involved promotion were to be henceforth filled by the attendant who received the greatest number of votes at the board meeting they felt it their duty to warn the committee that the system would not ensure either efficiency or contentment amongst the staff, but was likely to lead to a repetition of the old degrading system of canvassing and jobbery which the committee were so anxious, at one time, to put down.

The Chairman: That is a bit of cheek all right.

Mr. Good agreed.

After considerable discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter pending a report from the Resident Medical Superintendent and the storekeeper.

The *Zululand Times* of Thursday, July 5th, reports that "Sister Jeane Macdonald, of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses, left on Friday evening last for Nongoma, on a short holiday. While at Empangeni Miss Macdonald made a number of friends, who will regret her leaving the district. In her professional capacity, Miss Macdonald was a splendid example of the high standard which the present-day Nurses have attained." Before taking up work in South Africa Miss Macdonald was a Member of the Staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

THE NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH.

The King has been pleased to approve the following appointments:—

The Right Hon. Arthur Neville Chamberlain, M.P., to be Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Right Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bt., M.P., to be Minister of Health, in succession to Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

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