

remarks were made with reference to the conduct of a Nurse, and as to her manner of giving evidence.

Fully appreciating the prominent position your journal holds, and importance always attached to criticism of this nature, I venture to suggest that it is but fair to the Nurse in question to give a full report of what happened, and not to form a too hasty conclusion, prior to the termination of the adjourned inquest, and before any opportunity was given to the Hospital authorities for defence.

The suggestion of discourtesy on the part of Nurse Ord was based on the evidence of the patient's friends, who saw him once during his sojourn in Hospital, though no evidence on this point was taken from the Nurse herself; and I think nothing can more strongly show the indignation felt in the neighbourhood than by sending you a copy of a resolution passed at a public meeting on January 6th, 1893, namely:—

[Copy.]

Beckton Arms, Canning Town.

That this meeting of Governors, Delegates, and friends of the Poplar Hospital, representing upwards of eighty thousand working-men, wish most emphatically to protest against the rider to the verdict of the jury, by which a Nurse at the Hospital was censured though she had been unheard; and wish further to testify their absolute belief that Nurse Ord's omission to mention the "tie-sheet" was through forgetfulness. Also unanimously to express their entire confidence in the Matron and Nursing Staff, and their sympathy with them in the unjustifiable and unforeseen charges made against the Hospital; and the meeting beg that this resolution might be placed before the Hospital Committee on Monday next.

On behalf of the above,  
Signed, &c., &c.

It is such a simple matter to censure any one, more especially those who devote their energies and lives to a public calling, and the difficulty of answering such a charge is so apparent, that I am writing this trusting to your fairness and courtesy to vindicate the high regard you have always sustained for us as a body.—I am, sir, yours truly,

GERTRUDE VACHER, Matron.

[It gives us the most sincere pleasure to be able to publish this public vindication of a Hospital which holds so deservedly high a place, under the present régime, in the Nursing world.—Ed.]

## Replies to Correspondents.

*Nurse May G.*—Co-operation is the wisest method. We hear rumours of a Registered Nurses' Co.; we hope they may bear fruit. The public would doubtless support such an Association largely, and those medical men who have supported the effort for Nursing reforms would assuredly do so likewise.

*Miss Garsting.*—Write to Hon. Sec., 6a, Bedford Square, but we fear it could not be possible to make the arrangement you desire.

*Mrs. Lumley.*—We do not consider the work you mention a fair guide. Be very careful to understand the exact meaning of the agreement you sign, and ask to be furnished with, or allowed at least to make, a copy of it. Stipulate for a just contract, and do not enter any Nursing School where you occupy the position of a domestic servant who can be discharged by another official at any moment.

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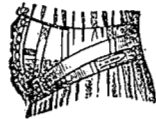
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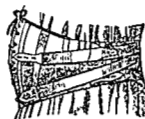
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