

proof more of the interest she takes in the welfare of the Association. The regulations, of course, were formal matters, to secure order in conducting the business of the meetings.

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MR. BRUDENELL CARTER, I am told, was expressing the feelings of the whole Executive Committee in his remarks as to what the Association was now going to do, and certainly they deserved the marked approval with which they were received by the meeting. He said that now that the Association was firmly founded and successful, it would be the duty of the Executive Committee at once to proceed to consider and elaborate schemes for the direct benefit of nurses individually. Rumour says that several of these are already under discussion, and that we shall soon hear of one or two, highly calculated to be useful to nurses, and honourable to the Association.

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I HEAR that several large provincial hospitals have asked the Executive Committee to help them to hold meetings in their districts to discuss registration and other objects of the Association, on the same lines as the meetings which have been held in London for that purpose; and that Miss Wood and Miss Mollett have been appointed to go as a deputation to any such meetings which may be organized. It is also reported that they have been already invited to visit Cambridge, Lincoln, Nottingham, and Leicester, and that large and influential gatherings of medical men and nurses have been promised to meet them at each of these great centres. There is no doubt, therefore, of two things: the British Nurses' Association is growing and extending in an utterly unprecedented manner, and the provincial hospitals do not agree with its malicious detractors that it is "merely a Metropolitan affair"; or, if it is, they mean to be connected with it.

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I AM told that the Annotation on the Dorset County Hospital by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which appeared in our ninth number, has been copied into the *Dorset County Chronicle*, and attracted a good deal of attention. I do not wonder at it, because it was most sensible in every way, and if her valuable advice was only taken it would doubtless soon settle the matter to the great benefit of everyone concerned, and above all to the credit and usefulness of the institution.

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I HEAR that Mrs. Bruncker has been appointed Matron of the infirmary attached to Wellington College. She was trained at the Middlesex, and afterwards became Sister at the same institution, where she was most popular and will be greatly missed. I am indebted also to the secretary of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary for the information that there were forty-eight applicants for

the recently vacant post of Matron at that hospital, of whom Miss Charlotte Prince, of Sevenoaks, Kent, was the successful candidate. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital.

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I HAVE heard a most interesting account of the way in which the ladies who recently went out to nurse in the Indian army service are progressing. It seems that the heat at Rawul Pindi is so great that it is impossible to perform the onerous duties devolving on them day after day, so that of the six sisters two are placed on night duty, and the remaining four only work every other day. In the evening, says the writer, "we all meet out in the verandah and talk over the day's work, and of old times in dear old Bart's."

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WHAT an indefatigable person Miss Louisa Twining is, in the promotion not only of all good works, but especially of the improvement of Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries! It is announced this week that she will preside at a conference of Women Poor-Law Guardians and persons interested in matters concerned with the poor law, which will be held at 8, Cromwell Houses, Cromwell Road, by kind permission of Mrs. Frank Morrison, on Thursday, June 14. Papers will be read, followed by discussions, during the morning and afternoon. In the morning, twelve to two o'clock p.m., Miss A. Stacey, P.L.G., and Miss Clifford, P.L.G., will address the conference, the subject of the discussion being on "Further Detention of Children and Adults." The afternoon, from 3.30 to 5.30, will be occupied with discussions on "Workhouse Infirmaries," and on "Boarding Out," following the reading of a paper on this subject by Miss Hall, P.L.G. Tickets for the conference can be had on application to Miss L. M. Cooper, 9, Queen's Gate Place, S.W.

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I HEAR also that Miss Twining has republished, with a supplement, in "Nursing Notes," an article on "State Hospitals; or, Nursing in Workhouse Infirmaries." In this paper Miss Twining gives a rapid sketch up to 1885 of the great reforms effected in workhouse management within the last thirty years, and indicates what still remains to be carried through, the most important of these reforms being the spread of trained nurses in workhouse infirmaries. In the supplement Miss Twining takes up the narrative and brings down the history of workhouse reform to the present day. Much still remains to be done to raise the standard of the nursing of our pauper poor. Meanwhile, the Association for Promoting Trained Nurses in Workhouse Infirmaries, of which Princess Christian is the patron and Princess Mary of Teck the president, has been working steadily, and a number of trained and educated nurses are waiting for work. Fifty-two

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