

subsequent numbers from the clever pen of Miss Harris, a Sister at the Borough Fever Hospital at Leeds, who is admirably qualified by her wide knowledge to write upon this subject. As soon as these are concluded, another series of six papers upon "The Nursing of Sick Children" will be supplied by that most experienced veteran, Miss Catherine Wood. A number of other contributions from leaders in the Nursing world, are already promised or received.

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IN fact, at the end of the first quarter of our existence, I am allowed to say that the success of this journal is supposed to be almost unprecedented; not only in the large number of regular subscribers amongst all ranks of women; not only in the large and constantly-increasing circulation in England; not only in the fact that an American edition has already been asked for, to circulate through the hospitals in the United States and Canada; but foremost and chiefly in the evidence which daily comes to hand, that Nurses have long wanted a paper of their own, and recognise the *Nursing Record* as supplying that want, that most Nurses now are educated women, and can and will support a first-class journal.

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HONOUR to whom honour is due! I am very glad to see in the report of the last annual general meeting of the Governors of the Louth Hospital and Dispensary, that the great indebtedness of the institution, to the careful management and control of the Nursing department by the popular Matron, Miss Agnes Bradwell, received that recognition which it certainly merits, and which, I am glad to notice, is much more freely and frequently given nowadays, than used formerly to be the case, on similar occasions, to Nursing, Nurses, or their Lady Superintendents.

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WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE new hospital for native women in Lahore will probably prove the greatest boon to the women of India. It is called the Lady Aitchison Hospital, after that benevolent lady—the wife of the ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the province—and is supported by the Government, by the Countess of Dufferin's Fund, and by private subscriptions. The head physician, Dr. Elizabeth Bielby, M.D., whose immense energy and excellent work are making her name famous throughout India, is a graduate in medicine of the University of Berne. She also has the diplomas in medicine and midwifery from the College of Physicians of Dublin. Under Dr. Bielby are an assistant physician, a house surgeon, a Lady

Superintendent, and an efficient staff of good native Nurses, excellently trained under her own supervision.

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To this hospital come hundreds of wretched women from all parts, some of whom have been suffering for years—bidden by their caste and religious prejudices to procure aid from a medical man. Now, however, the difficulty is overcome, and they gladly seek relief or cure, new life and health, from this hospital, where they are administered to exclusively by their own sex. Over 3,500 out and in-door patients were treated during the past year, women and children with every and any kind of disease being admitted, although a large percentage of cases were, of course, diseases peculiar to women.

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IN connection with the hospital, Dr. Bieby lectures four times a week, to female students on the subjects of "Nursing," "Midwifery," and "Diseases of Women" in English and Hindostanee. To many English people who have had no insight or glimpse into the lives of the poverty-stricken, ignorant millions of these Eastern countries, and who are accustomed to European civilisation, where the best medical aid and highest scientific improvements in medicine are available for the poorest classes in the great city hospitals, it is difficult to comprehend the many difficulties which were encountered in starting such a work, and to realise the enormously beneficial results which have followed it to thousands of their fellow subjects.

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MANY are no doubt aware of the existence of the New Hospital for Women, established at 222, Marylebone-road, in 1872, and having for its main object the providing poor women with the advice of duly qualified lady doctors. Hitherto the hospital has been rent free, but unfortunately the premises must pass into other hands in the spring of next year, and the committee has, therefore, just issued an urgent appeal for funds towards the erection of a new building. More than £6,000 has already been subscribed, but as much as £20,000 is yet required to purchase the building and the freehold of a very desirable site, now eligible, in Euston-road, close to St. Pancras Church. Handsome donations, amounting to £3,000, have been given by Professor and Mrs. Westlake, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Thomasson, Mr. G. J. S. Anderson, and Mrs. Garrett Anderson.

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WHEN we realise the enormous field of work which exists amongst the women of India for lady doctors, the means for the extension of the New Hospital for Women, which will, in all probability, act as the

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