

many readers. Fifteen weeks' experience has more than ever brought it home to our minds, and more firmly convinced us, that Nurses and those immediately associated with and interested in Nursing work, require their views and thoughts properly and thoroughly representing. We have done our utmost to deserve the success, which we are confident will be assured to us by a continued, careful, and judicious policy, and we only hope that our efforts have proved as pleasing and acceptable to the large number of those whom we now number among our friends, as they have to ourselves. We have received, and have been rewarded by, many encouragements from many quarters, and we look forward to a period of still further usefulness and activity. To those who have, from time to time, so kindly helped us by their suggestions and pens, we express our best thanks; and we invite the attention of those whom we anticipate to be able, at an early date, to count among our supporters, and shall, at all times, be pleased to hear from them, and have the expression of their ideas of the very important work we are engaged in. To the public at large, we say, We are helping you, by helping Nurses and those administering to your wants and comforts to understand still more the fulness of the dignities and responsibilities of their office, and to do the work and perform the duties given them, with an increased intelligence and gentleness. Therefore, help us, we ask you, by your kindly treatment of and interest in those who so unselfishly go out among you, and are with you in your vicissitudes.

Our measures may, at times, have been thought to have been somewhat vigorous, but the circumstances fully warranted them, and our pens and thoughts will continue to be aggressive and restless, until such times as we are assured of the right and proper position of those whom we have undertaken to guide and protect. To our staff of contributors, we owe a debt of gratitude. They have given us, of their best, most ungrudgingly at all times, and we tender this, as a slight appreciation of the valuable services, which they have so unhesitatingly rendered us.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

THE *Nursing Record* (Sampson Low & Co.) has now been in existence a couple of months, and appears to be moving along. It is quite wonderful how each "walk of life" sooner or later gets its "representative organ."—*Literary opinion.*

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THE *Nursing Record* is a new useful weekly, which should be welcome to the class for whom it caters.—*Sussex Primrose.*

BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A LARGE and representative meeting was held at the General Hospital, Birmingham, on June 27th, in connection with the British Nurses' Association. Among those present were the following:—Dr. Malins, Mr. Gilbert Barling, Mr. Morrison, Dr. Foxwell, Dr. Coghill, Dr. Crooke, Dr. Melson, Mrs. Nason, Miss Spence (Matron of the Children's Hospital), Miss Nicholson (Superintendent of Nursing, Spring Hill Infirmary), Madam Haranchamps (Superintendent of District Nursing), and Miss Elcock (Matron of the Jaffray Hospital), Miss Seaville (Matron of the Homœopathic Hospital), Miss M. Cadbury (Matron of the Hospital at Sheffield), Miss Busby (Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham), together with a large number of Nurses from the various institutions in the town and district.

Dr. MALINS, who was unanimously voted to the chair, said they were there, to hear from Miss Wood some exposition of the aims and objects of the British Nurses' Association. Those interested in the work of Nursing, would listen with pleasure to so able an exponent of such a laudable cause, and would be able to gather some information which might prove, not only an advantage to themselves, but enable them to interest others in so good an object. Letters of apology for non-attendance, had been received from Dr. Wade, Dr. Whitcombe, Mr. T. H. Bartleet, Mr. G. B. Lloyd, Mr. Bennet May, Miss Annesley, Mr. Alfred Baker, Mr. Priestley Smith, Mr. J. St. S. Wilders, Mr. Booth, Mr. A. A. Ellis, Mr. T. F. Chavasse; also from the following:—Dr. Saundby (one of the teachers of Nursing), who expressed his regret that he was unable to be present, and help forward, so far as he could, the laudable objects of the British Nurses' Association; Sir Walter Foster, who said it was a meeting that should receive the support of all interested in the Nursing profession; Mrs. Elcock (Matron of the Eye Hospital), who said she had much sympathy with the objects of the Association, and if Miss Wood was enrolling members, would be glad to have her name entered; and from Mr. Jordan Lloyd, who said he need scarcely assure them, that whatever movement was for the improvement of those upon whom the treatment of the sick so much depended, would receive his heartiest support.

The Chairman then called upon Miss Wood, who, in a very clear and intelligible manner, described what the Association was; what it proposed to do; why it was in existence; and why it concerned every person present, whose heart was in their work.

The reason why the Association came into existence, was that some of them began to see that the British Nursing profession was not a profession really, as yet. Nurses who came into a hospital had no idea of what was going on in the private nursing part of the profession. If they were trained,

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