

agreed that he shall continue to lecture, and she to nurse, just the same as heretofore. The experiment will be watched with a good deal of interest." Of course, the whole thing is a most amusing mistake. Miss Isla Stewart was appointed Matron of St. Bartholomew's last year, and still holds that post, while Miss King is, I learn, the Home Sister and Housekeeper, and not even a Nurse at all. My correspondent adds that the paragraph has caused great annoyance to those concerned, and I can well believe it. The absurdity of supposing that any lady would be able, even if willing, to continue to hold such a post as Miss King's, in a public Institution, when married, is too glaring to be credible. Because, of course, every one acquainted, in the smallest degree, with Hospital life, is aware that the duties attached to the post are so engrossing and onerous that, to perform them efficiently, a woman of even great ability must devote her whole time to them. I am told that Miss King is a niece of Sir Sydney Waterlow, the energetic and successful Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and as he is well known to take the keenest interest in all that pertains to the improvement of Nursing, and the comfort of Nurses, it is quite certain that he would never dream of permitting such an "experiment," as our contemporary, with quiet irony, calls it, after, probably, evolving the idea from its own inner consciousness!

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Two very interesting paragraphs appeared in the *British Medical Journal* last week on Nursing. We are glad to recognise, as one of the signs of the times, the increased attention and space devoted to Nursing topics within the last few months, by the leading Medical papers in the Kingdom. The *Lancet*, from the first, has been an earnest and steadfast supporter of the British Nurses' Association, and we are now glad to observe that its energetic contemporary is showing increased interest in Nursing questions. The extracts are as follows:—"The work of the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute has now been inaugurated. Several Committee meetings have been held in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and on Monday, October 8th, at a meeting in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, under the presidency of Lady Rosebery, a report was adopted for presentation to the governing body in London. From this it appears that £300 per annum has been granted by the trustees towards the expenses of the Scottish Branch. The Committee does not intend to take more active steps till further funds are available. So far their public appeal for help has resulted in: donations, £220; subscriptions, £65. The appeal is to be renewed during the present week.

The Committee has appointed Miss Peter, Matron of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, to the post of Lady Superintendent, and proposes to send her to the Bloomsbury Home, to acquaint herself fully with the arrangements there. Two suitable Nurses have been found. The Committee has approached several persons, who have already practically interested themselves in the home Nursing of the sick poor, and has received the most encouraging promises of support, and the Committee has agreed that ladies and gentlemen interested in promoting such work be invited to become Associates."

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"THE inauguration of the Queen's Institute affords fitting opportunity for referring to the very successful work which has for long been carried on in Edinburgh, in the way of home Sick Nursing. Since 1881, when the work was initiated by Miss Ann Maitland and Mrs. Chiene, who established a district Sick Nursing Home for the old town of Edinburgh, more than one similar philanthropic effort has been made. In more than one instance a Nurse has been maintained by the liberality and benevolence of one individual, or the burden has been carried by united voluntary subscription. Many Physicians, with large experience in Dispensary practice, have borne testimony to the very excellent character of the work, and to the amount of good effected. In some districts it is hardly possible to meet with a case among the poor where the services of these Nurses have not been made use of. The Nurses have been thoroughly trained women, with tried experience, and their devotion and self-denial have been worthy of the highest praise. It seems but fair, when the larger movement is being hopefully heralded with flying colours, to recall, with gratitude, the noble, if less obtrusive, work, which the enthusiasm and patience of these good women has already effected."

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I AM very glad to hear that Miss Newberry, Matron of the Sherborne Infirmary, has been elected Matron of the General Infirmary at Bedford, in place of Miss Beachcroft, who has lately resigned, after a most successful tenure of office. I am not surprised to hear that there were fifty-one applicants for the post, for the competition is becoming more keen every year for the higher appointments in the Nursing world. I would here express the hope that successful candidates, when they forward the news of their new appointments, would also give some information as to where they were trained, and what previous posts they have held. I should also be glad to know whether they are members of the British Nurses' Association or not; as, in accordance with a

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