

BRISTOL.

On the 15th inst., a meeting was held at the Bristol General Hospital, to hear an explanation from Miss Catherine J. Wood of the object of the British Nurses' Association—a recently-formed organisation, which has already a considerable number of Members, and which has the support of a great many of the leading Doctors of the country.

Mr. MARKHAM SKERRITT presided, and referred to the combination among the artisans, the lawyers, the clergy, and the Medical men; and to the great increase of power which resulted in each case from it. He then asked Miss Wood to address those present (almost solely Nurses).

Miss WOOD pointed out the change which had come over the profession of Nursing, and said many people now became Nurses who had not the training to render them efficient for the position, who knew not how to handle the thermometer and pay observant attention to the changes in the patients' condition. These inefficient Nurses were a great danger to those they had to look after; in few cases was there anyone in the house held sufficiently skilled to detect the want of skill; and, besides this, they commenced earning while the regular Nurses were spending several years in training. It was proposed in the Association that Nurses should combine for mutual improvement, and with the object of insuring professional efficiency. It was proposed to apply for a Royal Charter, so that Nurses who gave proof of efficiency might be registered, and a sort of guarantee of efficiency given to the world. The organisation would not be made a trades union, and would not interfere in regard to remuneration between the employer and employed. The organisation might, however, if it became powerful, be instrumental for good in several directions.

Mr. MERVYN KING, Dr. NEWNHAM (House Surgeon of the Hospital), and the CHAIRMAN, all expressed their conviction of the utility of the proposed combination, and Mr. SKERRITT said, in cases of severe illness, Nurses were of as much importance as the Medical men.

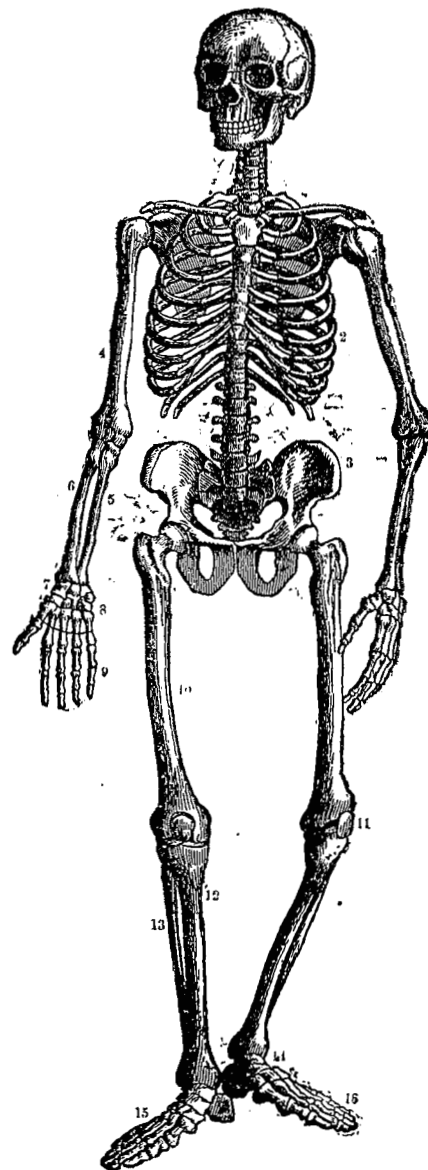
Thanks were voted to Miss Wood for her address on the subject, and the meeting concluded.

ADVICE, like snow, the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

HUMAN NATURE cannot bear idolatry. It enfeebles the judgment of the idolater, and it rouses the lower nature of the idolised. When love outstrips judgment and overpowers wisdom, it must needs fail to bring happiness; for happiness comes mainly by wisdom in such form as is best suited to the individual, and to love beyond reason is to love to one's own hurt.

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CHAPTER VII.—THE JOINTS.



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| 3.—Ilium. | 7.—Carpal. | 11.—Patella. | 15.—Metatarsal. |
| 4.—Humerus. | 8.—Metacarpal. | 12.—Tibia. | 16.—Phalanges. |

A JOINT is the junction or union between two bones. Joints are divided broadly into *movable*, *immovable*, and *mixed* joints.

The movable are hinge joints (such as the elbow,

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