

Germans, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Lord and Lady Lewisham, Sir Spencer and Lady Maryon-Wilson, Drs. Clapton and Cooper, and Miss Westlake, the Matron. The building having been inspected, prayer was offered up in the Wards, and the Princess was conducted to the pavilion, where a beautiful bouquet was presented to her by three little children. Mr. Henry Green, on behalf of the Hospital Committee, read an address of welcome, which, after assuring her Royal Highness of their loyal devotion to the Queen, briefly traced the progress of the movement, which began less than ten years ago with a small Cottage Home, providing beds for only four patients. Princess Christian said she had great pleasure in declaring the Hospital open, and shortly afterwards left, amid the cheers of the assembled crowd.

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I HEAR that the Princess will take the chair at a meeting which will shortly be held in the West End, to draw the attention of influential and benevolent people to the aims and objects of the British Nurses' Association. I am told that the Drawing-Room meetings which are being held for this purpose have been very successful in arousing interest in the question of the State Registration of Nurses. There is no doubt the Association is very wise in thus drawing widespread attention, and manufacturing, so to speak, public opinion on the subject. It is wonderful how ignorant most people are of the momentous issues involved.

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I AM glad to hear that Miss Barff has been elected Matron of the Salford Home for District Nurses, and will enter upon her duties there on the first of July. Miss Barff was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and worked for some time in connection with the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association in Bloomsbury Square. My informant adds that Miss Barff has for some time been a Member of the B.N.A. This reminds me of a good story I heard the other day. It appears that some of the virulent traducers of the Association have been asserting that it is composed of the "scum" of the Nursing Profession. This was told to a well-known Medical man, who replied that as most of the lately-appointed Matrons of Hospitals had been early Members of the Association, it was quite certain that they had the faculty of "coming to the top"!

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THE last meeting of the British Nurses' Association for the Session, held on the 17th inst., was, like all its predecessors, most interesting. The Association certainly deserves to be warmly congratulated upon the full measure of success which has attended this section of its work. The

meetings have not only been largely attended by the Members, but each has been addressed by some acknowledged leader in the Medical or Nursing world. The papers have been very valuable, and the discussions, though unfortunately limited in amount, have served to prove the appreciation of the audience on each occasion. Mr. Editor tells me that, in deference to various requests which have been made to him, he is making arrangements whereby he hopes to be able to republish the series of these papers which have appeared in our columns in one small volume. Not only, therefore, will these form an interesting memento of the first Session of the Association; but many who have not been able to read or hear them will thus be able to procure these addresses in the most useful form.

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I AM glad to hear that another well-known Member of the Association, Miss Henrietta Stewart, has been appointed Matron of the Nurses' Institution, at Northampton. Miss Stewart, who has had a wide and very varied experience of Nursing and held various important positions, won the Royal Red Cross, it may be remembered, for her important services to the wounded in the Servo-Bulgarian campaign. Northampton Nurses may well be congratulated upon having such a distinguished Matron to reign over them.

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It is stated that Lieut.-Col. Gildea, treasurer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, has just received a letter from Lady Roberts, at Murree, in which the following passage occurs: "I wish I could show you the Nurses' Home and Officers' Hospital in connection with the 'Homes in the Hills,' which I have been enabled to establish here. The whole appearance of the Soldiers' Hospital is also changed since the Nurses took charge of it, and the men look so happy and contented that it is quite a pleasure to go and see them. Subscriptions, I am sorry to say, are now coming in very slowly to my fund, and I fear I shall have very great difficulty in keeping the work going." An earnest appeal is made for assistance, and the hope is expressed that this country will provide at least £5,000 or £6,000 to enable Lady Roberts to place her "Homes" at once on a more permanent footing. Every one must wish all success to Lady Roberts' "Homes in the Hills," but one cannot help hoping that it will not be long before Nurses at home will have Convalescent Homes for themselves. At any rate a good beginning has been made, and the two country houses, which have been so generously placed at the disposal of the B.N.A., will probably be fully utilized this summer. In case any of my readers have not heard of this, I may refer them to Miss

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