

concluded by moving the resolution, pledging the meeting to support the Association in its efforts to obtain a Royal Charter. Miss Wood and Dr. Bedford Fenwick seconded and supported the motion, using much the same arguments as I have reported in these columns, as advanced at other meetings. Several ladies asked questions on the details of Registration, and then Her Royal Highness put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

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DR. SCHOFIELD proposed the customary vote of thanks to Princess Christian for taking the chair, and to Mrs. Jeune for permitting the meeting to be held in her house, and this having been carried by acclamation, the meeting concluded. Judging from the conversation which followed the departure of the Princess, the greatest interest in the subject was aroused amongst the audience, and I was told that a great deal of practical support had been promised in consequence. At least it is quite plain the promoters of this great movement clearly know what they want, and just judging from the effects their energy and earnestness have hitherto produced, they are absolutely certain of success. Very wisely, I hear, they are not undervaluing the virulent opposition to which they are exposed, and are quietly strengthening and developing their future plan of campaign.

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BUT to my mind the most significant symptom of the coming success of Registration is given by an annotation which appeared in last week's issue of the *British Medical Journal*. Mr. Ernest Hart, who is generally acknowledged to be a leader amongst English journalists, has for some reason been very cautious in admitting anything but qualified approval of the B.N.A. into the pages of the important paper which he practically has created, and over which he has ruled so long and so well. The following, therefore, will doubtless cause all the greater satisfaction, as it is earnestly to be hoped that Mr. Hart will now give his great influence and accord his invaluable assistance to those who are engaged in the work.

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"THE movement in favour of the Registration of Trained Nurses has been carried a step further by a meeting in support of it, held at the house of Mrs. Jeune, under the presidency of Princess Christian. The utility of a legal Register of Trained Nurses, by which the public will be enabled to distinguish qualified from unqualified persons in that important vocation, is obvious; and we wish every success to any well-devised scheme which this Association may bring forward. We have received from Miss Lückes, the Matron

of the London Hospital, and from other sources, some stated objections to the proposed scheme, to which it will be right presently to refer; but no doubt it will be found possible, with the judicious advice of the thoroughly competent persons who are at the head of the movement, to meet all just objections and to carry out successfully the important object in view."

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THE pamphlet by Miss Lückes, referred to above, has, I hear, been sent to every Hospital, however small, throughout the kingdom, which at once raises the question as to the source from which the necessary expense has been met. One cannot believe that the Committee of the London Hospital, who are incessantly proclaiming the poverty of that Institution, can have authorised funds, given by the charitable to provide for the sick, to be expended in attacking this women's association. If the authorities have not defrayed the cost of all this printing and postage, then the presumption is that Miss Lückes must have done so, which would be proof positive of her extreme personal antagonism to the Association, even if this were not already a well-known fact in Nursing circles. Mr. Editor tells me that he proposes to criticise the pamphlet, as it is evidently issued by the authority of the managers of the London Hospital.

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I AM curious to see what he can find to say about this extraordinary production. I have read it two or three times, and have arrived at the deliberate conclusion that it must be a gigantic joke, originally intended to appear at the commencement of April. It reminds me irresistibly of the game called "Cross Questions and Crooked Answers," and I would propose that it should be thus nicknamed in future. Many of my readers will understand how delightfully appropriate this title will be for other reasons. The C.Q. and C.A. pamphlet contains plenty of rhyme in it—to conceal the paucity of its reasoning, I suppose—including selections, presumably from Hymns Ancient and Modern. We are told Goethe's opinion of women, but are left in Egyptian darkness as to the connection between this and the Registration of Nurses.

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THEN "real spiritual unity" is introduced to our notice, and to anyone who requires a safe soporific I commend the earnest consideration of this subject, for we learn that "the real spiritual unity is attained by striving after the same ideals, and these must be approached by each individual in the degree and by the means possible to her. They can never be secured by conforming to a nominal uniformity of theoretical attainments."

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