

This is doubtless very beautiful, and arouses the heartfelt wish that one only knew what it means, or what "spiritual unity" has to do with Registration. It is much to be regretted that Miss Lückes' views about real bodily unity are not also stated, for they are probably equally sublime.

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I AM glad to hear such good accounts of the success achieved by the Kensington District Nursing Association, which was started four years ago to provide Nurses for the sick poor in their own homes. The work was begun with two Nurses; others were added from time to time; and now there are five Nurses and a Superintendent, who are fully employed. The present house, 1, Bedford Gardens, was opened nearly two years ago, but the rooms have lately been rearranged, so as to accommodate the Superintendent and six Nurses. This is an offshoot of the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association at 23, Bloomsbury Square, and lately its successful working has led to an interesting result among the poor patients themselves. We must refer to the list of duties of the Nurses, to show that those Nurses who may happen to have to attend any contagious disease are subject to special limitations as to attendance on other cases; they also change their dress and use the means provided for disinfection before joining the other Nurses.

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SUCH cases are rare, but one of a child suffering from diphtheria was undertaken. The family of four people lived in a single room during the whole illness, yet, owing to the precautions approved by the Doctor, and effectively carried out by the Nurses, no one else took it, and the patient was convalescent in about three weeks. Enthusiastic admiration for the tender care of patients, especially of little children, shown in such cases as this, as well as in chronic illnesses, led to the working men forming an extension fund amongst themselves and the friendly and trades' societies of Kensington, in order that an increased staff of Nurses might be able to extend their work in the more northern part of the parish. H. R. H. Princess Louise kindly promised her patronage to this movement of the working-men and women, and they are collecting the sum required amongst themselves and the tradespeople, besides receiving offertories from churches and chapels.

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ONE of the distinguishing points in this Association is the careful training the Nurses have to undergo. It is at present an indispensable qualification for them to have received their training in district nursing at the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association in Bloomsbury

Square. They receive one year's training in Hospital, and six months' training in district work. Maternity cases are never undertaken, and with this exception the training is similar to that proposed to Sir J. Paget, and approved of by Miss Nightingale, and by the governing body of the Queen's Institute, invited by Her Majesty to advise as to the qualifications in all Nurses who wish to become affiliated to the Institute.

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NONE but ladies are admitted to this association. The poor patients much appreciate this system, and show a kindly return for the interest felt in them. Not unfrequently among the middle-classes also, there are some too poor to pay for a regular Nurse. Or again, ladies in lodgings, with few friends and narrow means, may require attendance in illness which can be obtained by no other means. To such a small weekly charge is made, and daily visits paid. No Night Nursing is done, nor do the Nurses stay longer on each visit than the time required to carry out their Nursing duties. They cannot watch by the bedside, on account of the number of visits they have to pay daily, during the eight hours allotted to their work. There is no intention of adding maternity cases to their duties, as this branch of Nursing has already been provided for by the parish of Kensington.

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THE Scottish branch of the Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute has now commenced operations at 5, North Charlotte Street, Edinburgh. The superintendent is Miss Peter, late of the Royal Sick Children's Hospital, in Edinburgh. Miss Peter has begun work with three Nurses and district Probationers, and a fourth will shortly be added. Three of the Nurses have had two years' training in the Edinburgh Infirmary. The uniforms worn by the Nurses are brown holland dresses, plainly made, with Turkey-red cotton waist-bands, collars, and cuffs, large aprons, and over-sleeves while working; long dark-blue cloaks, and dark-blue bonnets, with white muslin strings. The home has been plainly and carefully furnished, and numerous gifts have been received from outside friends.

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THE Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association has taken a leaf out of the B.N.A. book, and I hear held their annual gathering in the Grosvenor Gallery. Many well-known Matrons and Medical men were present, and the proceedings were very successful. A substantial tea was done full justice to, and then Lady Colebrooke awarded medals and gratuities to twenty Nurses. Lady Montagu, who has only just returned to England, gave a

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