

has undertaken that it is supplying it with the "sinews of war." Any of your readers desirous of helping to secure a great public safeguard in sickness could do so by sending a donation for this object to the Secretary, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, London.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant, A HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN.

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I AM glad to hear that Miss Eleanor Beachcroft has been elected Matron of the Atkinson Morley Hospital. She was trained at the London Hospital, and after holding various important posts became Matron of the Bedford General Infirmary, an appointment which she has only recently resigned. She is, I believe, a sister of Miss Beachcroft, the highly-respected Matron of the Lincoln County Hospital.

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I AM told that Miss Brancher has been appointed Matron-in-Charge of a new section of the work of that most excellent Charity, the East London District Nursing Society. Miss Brancher, who was trained at St. Bartholomew's, has for some months been Matron of the Newark Hospital. The E.L.D.N. Society is greatly to be congratulated on having secured her services.

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THE annual report of the Nightingale Fund for the year 1888 has just been issued. The work of this admirable institution has been carried on during the year on the same lines and with the same success as in previous years. The number of candidates for admission into the Training School tends to increase; but Miss Pringle, the Matron, states that "when the applications are sifted, there are not found a great many giving signal promise of usefulness; and even after all care in selecting, there are sometimes disappointments. Health that seemed good before may fail under the conditions of Hospital life, or some lack of aptitude will make much excellence in other respects insufficient." Nearly one quarter of those who commenced the course of training last year were, for various reasons, unable to complete it. This is, however, considerably lower than the proportion in former years.

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FROM the opening of the School in June, 1860, to the end of 1888, a total of nine hundred and sixty-five candidates had been admitted; five hundred and seventy-eight, after completing a year's training, received appointments in some public Hospital or Infirmary, or other Institution for the benefit of the sick poor; the remaining forty per cent., it may be assumed, found it necessary to relinquish the calling. The Training School at the St. Marylebone Parochial Infirmary is worked in

conjunction with the Training School at St. Thomas's Hospital, and the plan has been found to work so well that the Council of the Fund have, by agreement with the Guardians, increased the money contribution paid to the Infirmary, so as to increase the number of Probationer Nurses to fifteen, which is nearly half the number annually admitted at St. Thomas's. All the Probationers at both schools who completed the year's training received appointments either at St. Thomas's Hospital, the Marylebone Infirmary, or other Hospitals or Infirmaries.

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HER EXCELLENCY THE MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY recently distributed the certificates of good service rewards to the Nurses of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, of which Miss Fitzgerald, late of the City of Dublin and London Hospitals, is the Lady Superintendent. Dr. Duffey presented the Nurses to Her Excellency, who handed them certificates, with rewards; and it was then announced that the directors had determined to present Miss A. J. Fitzgerald with a handsome writing-desk, as a mark of her great care and conscientious attention and thoughtfulness to those in her charge.

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THE illustration, "The United Services," which is this week presented with every copy of the *Nursing Record*, is drawn by Miss Ellen Gertrud Cohen, a young lady who apparently has a bright professional future before her, if I may judge from the excellence of her work, "Cousin Gertie" (169), exhibited at the collection of pastels at the Grosvenor Gallery last winter, and "In Disgrace" (782) and "Kitty" (440), in this year's Royal Institute of Water Colours.

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I AM glad to learn that Miss Saw has been appointed to the post of Matron to the Hertfordshire Convalescent Home at St. Leonards-on-Sea. She received three years' training in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and took her certificate in May last. She had previously been a volunteer helper in Miss Leigh's work among English women and children in Paris for eight years, during which time she had an opportunity of acquiring a practical knowledge of housekeeping, such as is not included in a Hospital training. S. G.

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THE judgment that we form of others, and the judgment they form of us, are two very different things; for we are told that by our own words, not the words of others, we shall be justified or condemned.—*Nicole*.

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