

hall in which we are met to-day has witnessed the commencement of many great enterprises of benevolence, and surely it has never witnessed the inception of one more worthy than that which seeks to extend a helping hand in times of sickness and trouble to those who minister to our wants in our hour of need. I do trust this meeting will not separate to-day until some commencement has been made in the direction I have indicated.

(To be concluded in our next.)

REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

THE following appeared in our contemporary the *Daily News* on the 17th instant:—

"The following 'Memorial of Nurse-Training School Authorities' has been sent to us by Mr. D. J. C. Steele, with a request for its publication this morning:—'We, the undersigned, beg the favour of your insertion of the following statement, which we think it desirable to make, in view of a paragraph which has been published on the subject of the Registration of Nurses, in which we note with surprise the statement that the main object of the British Nurses' Association "is in conformity with a great public want and a widespread professional demand." We would wish to point out that those who represent the largest Nursing interests in the Metropolis and throughout the country, and who have the most to do with the training and examination of Nurses, have not only declined to take part in the association, but consider that its proposed enrolment of Nurses in a common Register, if carried out, would (1) lower the position of the best Trained Nurses, (2) be detrimental to the advancement of the teaching of Nursing, (3) be disadvantageous to the public, and (4) be injurious to the Medical Practitioner. We hope that a final judgment upon this important matter will be postponed until the views of those who are opposed to the aims of this association have been expressed and examined. We further consider it our duty to state that if a Charter be applied for on the lines stated in the prospectus of the British Nurses' Association, we shall feel it to be incumbent upon us to offer thereto all legitimate opposition in our power.'—Among the signatures attached are those of the Duke of Westminster, Sir Rutherford Alcock, Dr. J. C. Steele, Mr. W. Rathbone, Mr. H. Bonham Carter, Dr. Wace, Dr. Bristowe, Dr. Norman Moore, Mr. F. Carr Gomm, and thirty-five others, representing St. Thomas's, Guy's, Westminster, and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals; the Charing Cross and King's College Hospitals; the London Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and the training schools attached to all these institutions."

NURSING ECHOES.

*** Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are especially invited for these columns.*

I FEEL that an apology is due to my readers for the non-appearance of the "Echoes" in last week's issue. I most emphatically declare that I wrote and posted them as usual. The printer says he is prepared to stake the whole of his type, formes, and stock-in-trade generally, that he did not receive them; whilst the post-office authorities place their hands upon their waistcoats, and most stolidly state that—they know nothing at all about them.

AND there I fain must leave them. And, oh, the pity on't, for, as the fates rule, they contained many little items of more than passing interest.

THERE was quite a sensation in the neighbourhood of Fleet Street when this loss was made known, and such a telegraphing and a messageing and a hansom-cabbing took place as never was, whilst a painfully dangerous light lurked behind the spectacles of "Mr. Editor," who took not a little smoothing down, I can assure you. But I must get on to other matters, in fear that I make things worse, for somebody somewhere remarks something like this, "What must be is likely to happen again, even in the best regulated journals." All I know is, that it isn't *my* fault.

I HAVE an interesting letter from a respected correspondent, a Member of the British Nurses' Association, who recently paid Mrs. Duyck a visit, in which she states that the latter "had not been out of her room for twelve months, until a week or two ago," and adds a pleading, pathetic little postscript: "I do wish Nurses would do their best to be helpful to this lady in obtaining votes for her."

YET another success for the British Nurses' Association! The Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House was crowded last Wednesday afternoon from end to end, and there was not even standing room for the enthusiastic audience which came together to hear what the Association was doing and intended to do. The Lord Mayor occupied the chair, the Princess Christian sitting on his right hand and the Lady Mayoress on his left. The Princess wore a light grey dress and a bonnet of pink poppies. She was attended by Mrs. Jeune, who has so frequently proved herself a staunch and true friend of the Association. The platform was filled by

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