

theory, but I venture to think that she will have the greatest difficulty in finding gentlewomen ready to bury themselves in out-of-the-world villages; and unless the few that are found are also willing to live amongst the villagers as one of themselves, they will not succeed.

THE very interesting article, which appears under the heading of "The Trained Nurse in Canada" this week, is, Mr. Editor informs me, from the able pen of Miss Alice Stone, late of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and previously of the Edinburgh School of Nursing, who so early back as last spring was actively engaged delivering a series of lectures on Nursing in Leeds, as I noted in these columns on the 25th of April. I am sure my readers—and particularly that portion who look for information respecting the Nursing work of other countries—will be greatly interested in the practical, graphic account of her impressions and experiences in Canada, and I sincerely hope that we may see other communications from Miss Stone gracing the pages of the *Record*.

THIS particular article, coming as it does all the way from Canada, reminds me of the fact, which I am sure my readers must from time to time have noticed—*i.e.*, that in the comparatively short space of seventy-eight weeks, the *Nursing Record* is read (and subscribed for) in nearly every quarter of the globe, including Spain, Tobago, China, the Coast of New Guinea, India, Boston, Florida, Canada, Kimberley, Cape Town, New York, and a whole host of other places; whilst at home the *subscription list*—which is always the backbone of a journal—at the completion of Vol. II. was almost double that of Vol. I., whilst Vol. III., so far as it has gone—about thirteen weeks—already shows that the list has *trebled* itself, as compared with that taken at the completion of the first volume. The *Record* has also a *bonâ fide* circulation among many hundred Hospitals, Nursing and other Institutions, and by its steady growth and the appreciation it has met with, has thoroughly earned for itself the title conferred upon it by so many of its supporters, *i.e.*, the "representative organ of the Nursing profession."

I AM not quoting these facts and figures in any boasting spirit, but merely to show that the influence and history of the *Nursing Record* have not been of that entirely negative character which some of the select few of its opponents occasionally endeavour to make them out to be.

I HEAR from an American correspondent that "the demand for Trained Nurses, for private

families in New York and neighbourhood, has during the past few months greatly exceeded the supply;" indeed, my correspondent goes on to say, "it has been very difficult to find any Nurses *disengaged*." Of course she only means this in its sense as applied to Nursing work.

AND, whilst dealing with American news, I cannot help alluding to a little joke, at which "Mr. Editor," and those of the readers of the *Nursing Record* who are in the "know," are highly amused just now. It appears that a lady, a Nurse, contributed to an American Nursing journal a signed article, which duly appeared. The lady in question afterwards becoming a subscriber to the *Nursing Record*, wrote Mr. Editor, and asked him if he would republish it in the *Record*, as it might (as it did) prove interesting to Nurses in this country. The request being granted, the article made its appearance and attracted considerable attention.

So far so good; and now this is where the joke comes in. The editor of the transatlantic contemporary—who makes a point of coolly, deliberately, and regularly pillaging, without any acknowledgment whatsoever, matter which appears in the *Record*, and, in fact, has gone so far as to impudently copy *word for word* the *Nursing Record* prospectus, also without any acknowledgment—on the look out for more plunder, swooped down upon the article in question, and published it in his own journal (again without acknowledgment), overlooking the fact that he had only a few issues before *had the same article in his columns*. I have an idea that the volume containing the numbers in which the articles were published will look rather silly when bound up, having *fac-simile* contributions—and rather long ones, too—within a few pages of each other; and I sincerely hope that this exposure will prove a lesson to the enterprising Yankee scizzors and paste manipulator.

MY readers may, perhaps, be interested to know that Sister Katherine and Sister Irene, formerly at Her Majesty's Infirmary, Stepney, but who resigned that Institution with Sister Clara and, I believe, almost the whole of the Nursing Staff, are now holding appointments at the Greek Hospital, Alexandria. Sister Katherine, in a very interesting letter to the Editor, in describing the Hospital says:—

"It is a Hospital built by the Greek community here, principally, but not exclusively, for first, second, and third-class patients of their own nation. At present there are about one hundred

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