

the readers of this journal would then have something each week thoroughly worth perusal from Miss Karstrand's descriptive pen.

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I AM glad to be able to announce that Miss Annie Ross has been unanimously elected Matron of the Victoria Infirmary, now in course of completion on the south side of Glasgow. Miss Ross was trained as a lady pupil in Guy's, and for the last four years has been Superintendent of Nurses in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Her appointment has given great satisfaction to all those who know her, and they cordially wish her success in her new sphere of action.

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I WOULD respectfully ask—on behalf of the publishers—those subscribers to the *Nursing Record* who from time to time change their address, to always send notice of such change in by not later than the *Saturday previous* to publication, as the wrappers are always written—in order to secure punctual delivery on Thursday morning—a few days in advance.

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A MEDICAL friend, poor man! writes me thus: "I am glad to see that the Nurses have such a good organ, though my admiration stops short of the subscribing point. This is, however, to be traced to the intensity of the struggle for existence." This is a serious case. It will never do to have people unable to subscribe to the *Nursing Record*. I must speak to Mr. Editor about it.

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THE Lady Superintendent of the Boston (U.S.A.) Training School for Nurses also writes me, and as follows: "Thank you also for giving us a hearing before a larger public. *The Nursing Record* is already taken regularly by one of the directors of the Boston Training School for Nurses, and given to the Superintendent of the school."

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STILL another correspondent, who wishes to know whether "There are any American Nurses Members of the B.N.A., and what benefit is gained by an American Nurse joining the same?" and goes on to say, "I am in favour of all the *Nursing Record* has put forth so far, and as we are backward about such matters in America, trust that in time American Nurses will see the benefit of all the *Nursing Record* is doing for Nurses." The reply to this I left to Miss C. J. Wood, the energetic Secretary of the British Nurses' Association, who says:

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"THE intercommunication between England and America permits of Nurses freely circulating be-

tween the two countries, and the result is that Nurses trained in the States have become members of the B.N.A., and Nurses trained in England (members of the B.N.A.) are now working in the States. The advantages to Nurses in the States thus making themselves free of the privileges of membership in the event of their visiting England is obvious, and Nurses leaving England for the States by their membership keep in touch with their co-professionals. Still, considering the great demand that there must be for Trained Nurses in the States, they ought to be in a position to organise and maintain an Association on the same lines as the B.N.A., or at least to work a vigorous branch of the same."

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I SHALL have a little more to say one of these fine days respecting Nursing matters in America, when some arrangements I have just heard of have been completed.

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MY readers will remember that the excellent little association—the Santa Claus Society—was last year mentioned in the *Nursing Record*. It is now my pleasure to be able to state that during the season of 1888-9 it has made considerable increase. Last Christmas, gifts of dolls, toys, books, work, &c., were sent to the patients of no less than fourteen Hospitals and Infirmaryes; and during this year the Society has managed to send gifts to other Hospitals, and also arranged for about fifty patients to get away to Convalescent Homes for change and rest.

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THE Baroness Burdett Coutts has become a patroness of the Society, and Miss J. F. Charles, the indefatigable Manageress, Hillside, Southwood Lane, Highgate, will be glad to give anyone full particulars. A doll-dressing competition is to be held in November, and prizes will be given, the rules of which can be obtained from Miss Charles for two penny stamps, and I hope that Miss Charles—whom I wish continued success in her work—may have many applicants through my noting it in these columns. S. G.

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THERE is but one resource for innocence among men or women, and that is an embargo upon all commerce of bad men. Bar the window; bolt the door; nor answer their strain, if they charm ever so wisely; in no other way can you be safe. So well am I assured of the power of bad men to seduce the erring purity of man, that I pronounce it next to impossible for man or woman to escape, if they permit bad men to approach and dally with them.—H. W. Beecher.

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