

the sick. But I greatly doubt if in simplicity and usefulness it will be an advance upon the Excelsior Bed Lift, patented by Mrs. Monkhouse, which is being so largely adopted in our Hospitals.

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I HAVE read with considerable interest a very pithy letter in the *Stone and Eccleshall Advertiser* of the 2nd instant, respecting the Stone Nursing Institution. It is by Miss Sarah Clayton, who is known to many of our readers, and it gives some very practical hints to the public and officials of that town as to what should be their duty in respect to the Institution in question. Miss Clayton takes an intelligent view of the subject, and finishes up her letter—I wish I had space for it all—as follows:—

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“In conclusion, I should like to address a few plain words to the promoters of this Institution, on behalf of my worthy successor. Let me ask you—in consideration of the foregoing—as she humbly endeavours to follow up this good work, not to judge harshly at first, or ascribe motives for her actions which do not exist, but go and talk to her if there is a word she says, or a line of action she pursues, which does not commend itself to your judgment. Remember that there is a limit to what we can do, and it is better to do a little well than a great deal in a superficial and careless way. I am under the impression that she would always give attentive consideration to what you might say, and if she felt that your line was better than her own she would doubtless gladly follow it. Try her. She may be right or wrong, but in her feeble judgment she must try what she thinks is right; and I do hope you will leave matters—so far as she is concerned—to take their course, and await the result; abstaining from the responsibility of opposing anything which might be for good, unless you are absolutely certain it is for harm. I have been some time with you—just ‘holding on’—but whether her time is short or long, eventful or the reverse, let me earnestly beseech you to do your best to stand together, and make your work both sweet in its accomplishment and fruitful in results.

“‘What is our duty here?’ So to live,
 ‘That when the sun of our existence sinks in night,
 Memorials sweet of mercies done may shrine our names in
 memory’s light;
 And the blest seeds we scattered, bloom
 A hundred-fold in days to come.’”

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I HEAR that Miss S. Wiltshire, who received her training at the London Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the Great Yarmouth Hospital, and she has my best wishes for success in her new sphere of action. In looking through

that most useful book, *i.e.*, the List of Members of the B.N.A., I notice Miss Wiltshire’s name is conspicuous by its absence. Why is this? I wonder is it Miss Wiltshire’s fault?

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My readers will remember that some months ago I gave particulars concerning the course of lectures at Kimberley (South Africa) Hospital. I am again requested to place the following on record, which I do with great pleasure; it is taken from the *Diamond Fields Advertiser*, Kimberley. I am sure the Medical gentlemen who have so much interested themselves in the educational welfare of the Nurses deserve every credit for work which I know is oftentimes undertaken, and instruction given, under very great difficulties. I feel doubly pleased in seeing the mention of Dr. Mackenzie, whose respected father, the Rev. John Mackenzie (whom I have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with), has done such a noble work in the country in which his son is so worthily, though in another branch of life, following his footsteps.

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“FOR some years past an annual course of lectures has been given by the Doctors to the Nurses and pupils in course of training in the Kimberley Hospital. This year, for several reasons, the course has been made more comprehensive. The first reason was, that the British Nurses’ Association put forth a ‘Programme of Practical Nursing: essential to be known by every Trained Nurse,’ and this necessitated a more formal course of instruction. Secondly, it seemed better to have two general examinations in the three years’ course of training, instead of arranging for a private one when the certificate was practically earned after three years’ work. Thirdly, as this Hospital has become, from various causes, of some note as a Training School for Nurses, it was thought better to make the course of training as complete as possible. During the winter, therefore, Dr. Mackenzie gave instructions on physiology and anatomy; Dr. Callender on medicine and elementary surgery; and the Sister-in-Charge on hygiene and practical nursing. Each lecturer had two classes, and conducted the examinations on the subjects of the lectures afterwards.

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“THE Nurses and pupils generally have taken a keen interest in the lectures, and have spent much of their time off-duty in writing up notes and reading for examinations. Dr. Smith offered a beautiful prize for the highest number of marks in each class; and Dr. Callender, who spares no pains to make the Nursing as intelligent as pos-

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