

spending twelve months at St. Bartholomew's under Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the late Matron; then Miss Mawe undertook the duties of Matron in a Private Orphanage Hospital in the East End; two years as a student in a Dispensary; and, finally, the last five months in Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's Private Nursing Home thoroughly qualify Miss Mawe for the important duties she has undertaken, and I am particularly glad to learn that this lady has joined the ranks of the B.N.A.

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FURTHERMORE, I should also have stated that Miss E. J. Sloan, who received her training at St. George's Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the Clifton College Sanatorium.

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I OUGHT to have included in the list of the season's entertainments the following particulars of the one recently held at the Carmarthenshire Infirmary. A delightful entertainment was given to the patients at this institution, together with a large number of invited guests. The first part consisted of the operetta "Little Red Riding Hood," which was admirably performed under the management of Miss Davies, of the Priory Street National Schools. A miscellaneous programme, made up of a song by Mr. J. T. Creswick Williams, recitation by Mr. C. Finch, jun., distribution of good serviceable presents to the patients by Father Christmas (Mr. Creswick Williams), and the serving of refreshments to the company followed. The second part of the entertainment commenced at seven o'clock with a piano solo by Master R. Brigstocke; song, Mr. Walter Spurrell; song, Mrs. R. A. Brockie; banjo quintette, Mrs. Pritchard, Miss Muriel Thomas (Starling Park), and Messrs. D'Oyley Hutchins, Arthur Woodman, and C. Pritchard; song, "These are my Father's Customs," Mr. C. Finch, sen.; duet, Messrs. W. Spurrell and C. V. Harding; song, Mr. H. B. White; recitation, Miss Mathias; song, Mr. C. V. Harding; banjo solo, Mr. D'Oyley Hutchins. The programme concluded with the performance of the farce, "Done on Both Sides." Mr. D. Lewis (who is now fast recovering from the severe injuries which caused his admission to the institution) expressed the gratitude of himself and his fellow patients to those who had so kindly provided the evening's enjoyment. Every credit is due to the Matron (Miss Macintyre) and her energetic co-operators for the success achieved.

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AND Miss Fletcher (the Matron), and all those who rendered their services in connection with it, must be heartily congratulated upon the success attending the efforts made to provide the provident

members (600) of the Boscombe Hospital with an entertainment, held on the 13th instant. Everybody went away delighted, and as far as I can learn the Christmas tree was a conspicuous source of pleasure; indeed I hear that those who were fortunate enough to secure presents from it are *already* looking forward to next season. I would give the programme, but I have really not space.

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A LADY writes me from the States, as per the following taken from a very interesting letter:— "It (the *Nursing Record*) is my first year's paper and I have enjoyed it very much indeed. I suppose I enjoy it more because I lived in England until I was seventeen years old, and then came here. At twenty I entered the Children's Hospital, Boston, and remained there fourteen years, and am now private nursing, and am always glad to get *my* paper."

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AND another lady correspondent, the Lady Superintendent of an important Hospital, kindly remarks: "I must say I enjoy reading the *Nursing Record* very much. The 'Recipes for Invalid Cookery' were very good. I am sure the *Nursing Record* will be very valuable for the Nursing profession." Independent testimony of this kind from "lands far over the sea" is both interesting and valuable; and I can assure those giving it that their remarks are greatly appreciated by all connected with this journal.

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I WOULD like to mention another matter, which is also a source of great gratification to me and all of the staff—that is the marked growth of the number of "vacant appointments" advertisements, which of late have become quite a distinguishing feature of this journal, showing that it has become quite the recognised authority and medium of all those who are seriously and earnestly connected with Nursing work—not the *dilletanti* (we don't want *them*), but those of the rank and file of a hard-working profession.

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IN the early numbers of the *Nursing Record* it was considered quite fortunate if there appeared, say, half-a-dozen of them; now we reach thirty; and the larger display advertisements have increased in a like proportion, and I will undertake to guarantee that all are genuine and *bona fide*, and not put in without charge merely to give the Journal an importance it does not really possess. I cannot recommended too strongly to my fellow-workers in the field of Nursing the wisdom of using this Journal as the medium for their wishes and wants.

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