

may in most cases be done, but unless the greatest care be used in attending to the special needs of a patient in other respects, a bed sore may be prevented, but life may be sacrificed. It is the duty of the Doctor to direct, in these matters, in all cases of acute disease; and, by Nurses arrogating to themselves what is out of their province, they may thwart the Doctor and do more harm than good." (*To be continued.*)

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*** Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are especially invited for these columns.*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 AM asked to say that Dr. Griffiths—who was to have read a paper tomorrow (Friday) evening, at the Meeting of the British Nurses' Association, on "the training of Midwives"—has been unavoidably prevented from doing so, and his paper will therefore be deferred

to another Meeting. But, to take his place, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has consented to read a paper on the Registration of Trained Nurses, dealing chiefly, I am told, with the misconceptions which so largely prevail as to what the scheme is, and what it will do for Nurses. It is needless, therefore, to predict a most interesting paper and a large and appreciative audience. The meeting takes place at 20, Hanover Square, at eight o'clock.

A CORRESPONDENT from Wiesbaden gives me intelligence as to Princess Christian's health, which will be received with heartfelt pleasure by Nurses as by all other classes throughout the kingdom. It seems that the accounts of Her Royal Highness's ill-health, which have appeared in many of the papers, are pure inventions, or at least great exaggerations. "Our Princess" seems to have suffered, as every one else did, from the influenza, but is reported to be now again in excellent health, and to be returning to England early next month.

I AM asked here to give two circulars, which have been sent to Mr. Editor this week. The grammar reminds me strongly of the style beloved by our comic contemporary. The very name does not seem to be quite settled upon, for each paper is headed, it will be observed, by a different title.

Both the address and the conditions are beautifully vague, and I do not think many good Nurses will be found foolish enough to join a concern which commences in a muddle, and therefore is pretty certain to end in a mess. As no address is vouchsafed I am curious to know how "the enclosed" is to be "returned to the Lady Superintendent." However, these are the papers, their information, be it observed, to be entirely on one side—the Nurse's.

"NURSES' MUTUAL SOCIETY, for Supplying Private Nurses. Provisional Rules.—Regulations for Nurses.—(1) Candidates for the Register shall be approved by the Lady Superintendent, and enrolled by the Committee. (2) No Nurse shall be admitted to the Register unless she can produce satisfactory evidence as to moral character, Nursing capacity, state of health, and place of residence. (3) She shall not absent herself from her registered address for any period exceeding twelve hours, without intimating her intention to the Lady Superintendent, and if absent for a short time shall leave written directions in charge of some one competent to answer messages. (4) As soon as she is disengaged, she shall immediately inform the Lady Superintendent of the fact."

"NURSES' MUTUAL ASSOCIATION AND REGISTRY; LONDON.—Nurses wishing to join the above, to answer enclosed in own handwriting, and return to the Lady Superintendent with a stamped envelope. (1) Name; age, over or under thirty; (2) Profession or trade of father or husband, or, if a widow, of late husband; (3) Name of Hospital or Hospitals where trained and length of time; (4) Whether Certificated, and if so, in what subject; (5) What experience in Private Nursing? (6) Names of two Medical men of the Hospital where you were trained; also of two or more, with their addresses, who (*sic*) you have worked under in Private Nursing; (7) Names and addresses of three private patients; (8) Name and address of a person in authority in the place where you were brought up, viz., the vicar, or any minister to whom you are well known; (9) State whether you are a total abstainer; (10) Give the name and address of your own Medical attendant; (11) Seven and a-half per cent. (the first year) will be deducted from your earnings towards defraying the expenses of the Registry; do you agree to pay the said percentage?"

I AM glad to hear that Miss Brancker has been appointed Matron of the West Bromwich Hospital. Miss Brancker's career at St. Bartholomew's and as Matron of the Newark Hospital has been referred to in these columns before, and many

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