

to inform you that it has consented—to meet the special difficulties experienced by Private Nurses in obtaining testimonials, &c., when away from home—to receive applications from Members *without a fee* until June 30. But after that date the fee of half-a-guinea must be invariably charged, and I may remind you also that thereafter no one can be Registered who has not had three years' Hospital work. I may add that of the twelve hundred Nurses already Registered, and of the large number still remaining to be considered, the great majority are Matrons, Sisters, or Nurses of important Hospitals. It is hoped that the first Register of Trained Nurses will be published in the autumn, and I trust that to distinguish you from untrained women your name may appear therein, and that you will not only send in your own application without delay, but will also persuade all your Trained Nurse friends to do likewise.—I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
CATHERINE J. WOOD, hon. sec."

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"REGISTRATION BOARD.—H.R.H. the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Sir James Crichton Browne, Sir Dyce Duckworth, Sir Joseph Fayrer, Mr. Brudenell Carter, Dr. Sydney Coupland, Dr. Champneys, Dr. Matthews Duncan, Mr. Davies-Colley, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Mr. Kendal Franks, Dr. Griffiths, Mr. Warrington Haward, Dr. Priestley, Dr. Sturges, Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Allen (City Road Lying-in Hospital), Sister Cecilia (University College), Miss Cureton (Addenbrooke's, Cambridge), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Forrest (York County), Miss Marion Humfrey (Birmingham), Miss Huxley (Sir Patrick Dun's, Dublin), Miss Jones (Guy's), Miss Lumsden (Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen), Mrs. Messenger (York Road Lying-in Hospital), Miss Rogers (Leicester), Miss Maud G. Smith (Royal Infirmary, Bristol), Miss Stewart (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Thorold (Middlesex), Miss Catherine J. Wood. Registrar—Miss Helen Foggo-Thomson. Offices—8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, London, W."

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A CORRESPONDENT has forwarded me the following, with the hope that I can find space to insert it:—"The second annual report of the Reigate and District Nursing Association, which now comprises the parishes or districts of Reigate, Redhill, Betchworth, Brockham, Buckland, and Chipstead, has just been issued, and is of a very gratifying character. We gather from it that there are twelve Nurses on the permanent staff of the association, and several others have been employed as occasional or extra Nurses. One hundred and sixty-four patients have been attended during the year, eighty-nine in confine-

ments. The association has in most cases been able to supply Nurses to applicants promptly, and as it becomes better known, and its sphere of usefulness enlarged, additional Nurses will be required. It would, therefore, be a great kindness if subscribers and others would communicate with the energetic and able Hon. Secretary (Miss Anna Isham), should they hear of any person willing and suitable to join the staff. Although the balance-sheet shows a sum in hand of £36 7s., the actual receipts of the association from all sources during the past year were not sufficient to meet the expenditure by £8 15s. 7d. £243 1s. 6d. was received in donations and subscriptions, and £147 5s. 10d. in Nursing fees. Nurses' wages amounted to £359 16s. 8d. Owing to death and removal the association has lost some very liberal subscribers, while the anticipated necessary addition to the Nursing staff will entail increased outlay. It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that in the current year many new friends will join the association. It may be added that gifts of old linen and comforts for the sick will be thankfully received."

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I HAVE several times mentioned in these columns that there exists in the provinces still a goodly number of large towns inadequately or even totally unsupplied with Nursing Institutions, particularly so in the counties of Lancashire and Yorkshire. Therefore I am glad to find that Miss Jane Murray, of the London and Brighton Association of Trained Nurses, is making a venture in the shape of establishing a Nursing Institute in Huddersfield, which town promises, I should imagine, every prospect for the thorough success of Miss Murray's ability and energy; and if I mistake not, this lady will receive a considerable support from the local Medical practitioners. S. G.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE LADY HOUSEKEEPER.

"To keep house" most people consider the easiest thing in the world until they come and try; then they learn that housekeeping is in reality very hard work, needing business qualities, a clear steady brain, accurateness, method and, lastly, good temper. It would be well if ladies remembered that housekeeping is both a business, needing careful thought and management, and an art as well worth the studying as painting or tennis, and requiring study as much as either if perfection is to be attained. It is entirely a false idea that housekeeping knowledge is the natural heritage of women and intuitive in little girls. Of course to keep house for one's own relatives

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