

issue, the number contains a complete story from Mrs. Lynn Linton's graphic and vigorous pen.

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ALL honour to Gloucester Infirmary! Its Committee I hear received, like the rest of the world, the "private and confidential" request to attack the Royal British Nurses' Association; but at Gloucester, it appears, the Committee comprises honourable men, who object to attacking a body of women without at least hearing their side of the matter first. So inquiries were made from the Association, and as a result, at the meeting of the Committee, on April 30, the petition against the Association was discussed. The Chairman proposed, Mr. G. Whitcombe seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, "That the petitions be ordered to lie on the table," a dignified and very effectual snub to the promoters of the movement.

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WHEN noble dukes give *carte blanche* signatures, and with poetic justice awake to find that they have been thereby made to appear supremely ridiculous, it is refreshing to find such honourable conduct as that of the Committee of the Gloucester Infirmary.

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OUT of an unusually large number of competitors in the Twenty-third Prize Essay Competition, which had for its subject:—"Describe for a Hospital containing fifty beds the number of Nursing Officials, Staff, Pupils, or Probationers required; mention their duties, their hours, and the regulations necessary for satisfactory working," Miss Mary Monkhouse has been adjudged the winner, and to her will be duly forwarded a book or books to the value of one guinea. "Honourable mention" is made of the essays of Mrs. J. G. Taylor and Miss Louise Webb.

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THE presentation of medals and certificates by her Grace the Duchess of Westminster to those candidates who have successfully passed the examinations of the National Health Society in "Home Nursing," "First Aid to Injured," and "Domestic and Personal Hygiene," will take place on Saturday next, at 3.30 p.m., in the Rubens Gallery, Grosvenor House, W. His Grace the Duke of Westminster will preside, and other distinguished speakers have promised to take part in the proceedings. It is expected that Sir William Savory, Bart., Sir Henry Roscoe, M.P., Samuel Pope, Esq., Q.C., Fred Treves, Esq., F.R.C.S., C. T. Acland, Esq., M.P., and other distinguished speakers will address the meeting.

I LEARN that Miss Abbott has been appointed Matron of the Southern Hospital, Manchester. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, and also at St. Bartholomew's. For the last six years she has been Sister at the Clinical Hospital, Manchester, and left with the regard of every one connected with it. The committee gave her a writing table; the medical staff, a reading lamp; the Matron and Nursing staff, a clock; past and present House Surgeons, brass inkstand, tray and candlesticks, all with suitable inscriptions, and wishing her every success in her new sphere. S. G.

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INVENTIONS, NOTICE OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

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SOMETHING NEW FOR LADIES.—In compliance with suggestions from the medical and Nursing professions, the patentees of Southall's sanitary towels are now manufacturing a new *medium towel* at 1s. 6d. per dozen, the series, instead of numbers, being now in sizes, as follows:—Size 1.—1s. per packet of twelve towels. Size 2 (the new towel).—1s. 6d. per packet of twelve towels. Size 3.—2s. per packet of twelve towels. Size 4.—2s. 9d. per packet of twelve towels. A specimen of the new 1½d. towel will be sent post-free on application to the Lady Manager, 17, Bull Street, Birmingham, from whom also may be obtained sample packets at 1s. 3d., 1s. 9d., 2s. 3d., and 3s. 2d. per packet of one dozen. The manufacturers and patentees are Southall, Bros. and Barclay, Birmingham, and they may be obtained from ladies' outfitters throughout the world.

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"If a child does not thrive on fresh milk, boil it," says a well-known physician. But he doesn't say how long the child should be boiled!—*Exchange*.

THE New Nurse (vigorously): "Come, now, sor-r! wake up and swallow yer slapin' dose—it's time."—*Exchange*.

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REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nurse A. B.—We have communicated with the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for India, and hope to be able to give you full particulars in an early issue.

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