

Nursing Echoes.

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NURSES will hope that the Annual Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association to-day at Brighton may be favoured with fine weather, that there will be a goodly number of members present, and that the meeting may in every way be pleasant and successful. The business to be done is certainly very important, and shows that the Association does not intend to stand still.



THE greatest amusement is being felt in Nursing circles at the manner in which the *Hospital* is tumbling down—it would be a complete misuse of terms to call it “climbing down”—about Registration. I can assure Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT, that Nurses are not such fools as he appears to consider them. They will not forget the incessant abuse and misrepresentation which the *Hospital* has for four years employed towards the Association and its work, and they quite understand the personal reasons which have actuated Mr. BURDETT in making these onslaughts. They remember how the *Hospital* has compared the members of the Association to “the scum of the Nursing profession,” and stated that the members were women who “had taken refuge in the Association, to obtain pseudo-respectability because they could not obtain it elsewhere.”

THEN they are quite aware of how week after week the *Hospital* has denounced Registration, and has pretended that the scheme was not only dangerous but “dead.” But the whirligig of time has brought in his revenges. Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT, who is not devoid of shrewdness, sees that “the game is up,” and so with charming nonchalance, he is engaged in the pleasant task of teaching the hospitals—whom he has aroused to curse Registration by bell, book, and candle—to adopt Registration themselves. It will be exceedingly curious to see how they will wriggle out of the awkward position in which they are landed.

I HEAR that Mr. Editor is discussing this subject in another column this week, and so I need only add that I shall chronicle with the greatest gusto the

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various steps which the obedient Committees of St. Thomas's, King's College, Charing Cross, the London, and the Westminster Hospitals, dance to the music set by their counsellor and guide.

HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN came to London on Saturday and presided at the meeting of the Ladies' Committee in connection with the Chicago Exhibition. She then proceeded to Streatham to lay the foundation stone of the Home for Incurables.

IT is announced that Baron de HIRSCH has forwarded to the Committee of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Bridge Road, a donation of £500 in aid of the funds.

THE following letter appeared in the daily press of last week:—

“STR,—In the autumn of 1890 a lady visited Pastor von Bodenschwingh's splendid ‘colony’ for epileptics at Bielefeld. Deeply impressed by what she saw, it became her desire to make some provision for epileptic girls in England. Her wish was to combine with it a home for the aged poor, to be founded in memory of her father and mother. For this purpose she purchased last year a large house, standing in beautiful grounds, and capable of accommodating fifty to sixty persons. The building has since then been put into thorough repair. Eventually it was decided to abandon the idea of housing the aged, and to devote the whole building to the care of those suffering from the terrible affliction of epilepsy, who, it may not be known to the public in general, are debarred on account of their infirmities from entering nearly every public institution. England is far behind Germany in supplying the needs of these afflicted persons, and an effort is now being made to provide for their wants. The building which is to be used for this purpose is situated at New Godalming, in one of the most lovely parts of Surrey. Only women and children will be admitted, as a ‘colony’ for epileptics closely resembling that of Pastor von Bodenschwingh's is likely to be shortly started. This will provide for men. In the meantime the Home of Comfort for Epileptics stands ready for occupation. The house, grounds, and furniture are given by one donor; it remains for a generous public to provide the means of maintenance for the patients, who will be tenderly cared for. Cheerful occupation is to form a marked feature in the establishment, and it is hoped that the work done by the women will materially lessen the expenses of the institution, which seeks to supply a national need. Contributions may be sent to the ‘Meath Home of Comfort for Epileptics,’ care of Messrs. Coutts and Co., 59, Strand, London.—We are, Sir, your obedient servants,

MEATH,  
ANDW. CLARK, M.D.  
DYCE DUCKWORTH, M.D.  
THOS. HAWKSLEY, M.D. Lond.  
ALBERT NAPPER, M.R.C.S.  
C. J. GIBSON, M.B.

London, July 13th.”

“TRUTH” of course did not resist the temptation of another hit at “Bart's” given to him by the issue of the Third Report of the Lords' Select

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