

the Association has gained everything it wanted. They showed their animus by preventing the R.B.N.A. becoming registered at Somerset House without adding the word Limited to its name, and forthwith the Association turned the tables on them by applying for a Royal Charter on the ground that incorporation in the ordinary way had been refused to it. It now transpires, according to our excellent contemporary the *Nurses' Journal*, that there was a strong feeling amongst its members against converting the Association into a limited liability company. The opponents therefore completely overreached themselves, and the Association gained the Royal Charter for which otherwise it would have had to wait, many years, and perhaps would never have obtained.

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Now there is one other most important matter upon which I must lay stress. It had been fully expected by Nurses, and indeed by most other people that the Lords of the Privy Council would have inserted into the Charter a clause providing for a "period of grace" during which Nurses who had had less than the three years' Hospital training might be admitted to membership of the Corporation. Indeed, I am told, that even after the Honorary Officers of the Association had been informed that the Charter would be granted, they stated in Edinburgh that they fully expected to have such a period of grace enforced. It is, however, evident from the Royal Charter—the full text of which appeared in these columns some weeks ago—that the Association is not saddled with any such condition. Inasmuch as many of the Nurses who have been waiting to see whether the Association lost or won before they joined, will now be anxious for membership of the Chartered Corporation, I venture to suggest that it should be stated publicly as soon as possible whether or not there is to be a "period of grace." I feel sure most of those who are now members do not wish for it, because membership will, in the future, be a high honour, and one which should be jealously reserved for the very best Trained Nurses.

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I HEAR that Miss JANE HEATH has been appointed Matron of the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge. Miss HEATH was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, and then worked with the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association, after which she acted as the Superintendent of the Welsh branch of the Jubilee Institute at Cardiff.

MUCH excitement and more amusement has been caused by an American paper, which in bold lines headed an article recently, "Insane Hospital Nurses, Fifteen graduated." It was only our contemporary's way of stating the fact that this number of asylum nurses had received their certificates of training.

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THE excellent engraving of the Middlesex Hospital, which is given away to subscribers with this number, will, doubtless, be appreciated by the recipients. Miss LILIAN C. SMYTHE is the artist. I hear that the whole series of signed artist's proofs of engravings of London Hospitals, exhibited at the Chicago Exhibition by the proprietors of the *Nursing Record*, have been much admired.

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I AM asked to state that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK will speak on "The Responsibility of Professional Status," every Wednesday during July, at 8.30 p.m., at 20, Upper Wimpole Street. Nurses wishing to be present can do so by obtaining a ticket of admission from her beforehand. Miss DE PLEDGE will give weekly addresses on the same subject during the month of August, of which particulars will appear later.

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THE annual social meeting of the Nurses of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute of Nurses (Scottish Branch) was held last week, in commemoration of the foundation of the Institute by Her Majesty. The meeting, which took place at 29, Castle Terrace, was attended by upwards of 40 Nurses, who came from all parts of the country. A special distribution of flowers having been made, the house was prettily decorated. The following telegram was received from Princess LOUISE:—"My best wishes and all prosperity to our Nurses on this the Jubilee day." The following reply was telegraphed by Miss CHRISTINA GUTHRIE WRIGHT: "Nurses thank your Royal Highness for valued message. They request your Royal Highness to convey to the QUEEN respectful expression of devoted loyalty and value of the honour of working in Her Majesty's name." Afterwards the party was photographed by Mr. HORSBURG, Princes Street. Several members of the council met the Nurses at tea at half-past four, and the meeting broke up about six o'clock with the singing of "God Save the Queen." The branches of the Institute are rapidly spreading in Scotland and there is now a total of 43 branches, the latest to be formed being those at Wick and Langholm.

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