

The Editor opens her impartial pages to Matrons in Council—not as heretofore *in camera*, but openly and publicly in concert with their sister-Matrons all over the world. Let Nurses then—and I use the word in its fullest sense—whether they be women in authority or not, avail themselves of this opportunity—“take occasion by the hand” *and profit by it*. Most Nurses know something that may be of use to their sister-workers in their profession. And here I would point out to my younger sister-Members that I use the word *Profession* as distinct from their *Art*. That concerns the *Wards*, and the sick everywhere; the former, the greater world without, with which it is so necessary to bring them in touch. As I have just remarked, most Nurses know a little; many, much; none, *all things*; and, therefore, a sisterly and sympathetic interchange of ideas in the columns of the NURSING RECORD amongst members of our profession must tend to *raise* the tone of it, and Nurses with it. It will also be a valuable channel for an education in Nursing Politics (as the Editor wisely calls them), and there are countless matters of interest to learn and discuss that might more profitably employ the time and thoughts of our young Nurses than crochet or macramé. The position taken by so many of our Nurse-Members in the matter of Press representation, shows how much interest it excites in their minds, and hence we may indulge in the hope that the pages of our journal may serve as a pleasant bond of union for Nurses everywhere, and lead in the future to a growing and generous catholicity of feeling amongst them in lieu of the frigid exclusiveness of past years.

Slowly, perchance, but surely, the miserable trammels of caste, clique, coterie, favouritism, yea, even superior Personism, that have held the Nursing Art in bondage so long, will be broken down. No question soon of “Bart’s” or “Guy’s” or “King’s”—shall we not rather say we are all Members of the Great Household of Nursing, servants of the Lord of Life, ministrants unto His sick? What matters it then *where* we serve Him worthily?

MARIAN HUMFREY.

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THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the offices of the Corporation. Her Royal Highness the President took the chair, and there were 24 members present.

Amongst other business, the Registration Board was constituted, and will hold its first meeting on Friday, the 24th inst. There are a very large number of applications for enrolment to be considered, and it may be some time before they can all be disposed of. The grant of the Charter and the consequent necessity for the confirmation of the Bye-laws by the Privy Council prevented any of this work being accomplished before the recess, but it is hoped that every candidate will now soon receive information as to the decision of the Board upon her application. The Secretary is glad to be enabled, by means of this column, to give this information, and thus relieve the anxiety which she knows many are feeling concerning the delay in the consideration of their applications.

The annual *Conversazione* will be held, as stated last week, on Wednesday, December 7th, at Prince’s Hall, Piccadilly, at 9 p.m. The prices of tickets will be as follows:—For all Members of the Association, 1s.; for all other Nurses, 2s. 6d.; Members’ friends, 5s. The attention of Members is drawn to the regulation, that 5s. tickets will also be issued to any Member on application to admit herself *and* a friend. It is hoped to publish the programme of the *Conversazione* next week. Applications for tickets should be made as soon as possible to the Secretary, at the Office, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue.

It is earnestly hoped that all the Members and friends of the Association will assist in making the *Conversazione* a success, by inviting other Nurses and friends to be present, and making it as widely known as possible, especially amongst trained Nurses who have not yet enrolled their names on the Register, or become members of the Corporation.

The following distinguished members of the medical profession were elected members of the Corporation last week:—George W. Balfour, M.D., Byron Bramwell, M.D., Thomas S. Clouston, M.D., R. J. Blair Cunynghame, M.D., John Halliday Croom, M.D., A. Ernest Maylard, M.B., George McKerrow, M.B., Samuel Moore, M.D., Claude Muirhead, M.D., A. MacLagan Wedderburn, M.D., David Yellowlees, M.D., Robert Sinclair, M.D., Charles G. Underhill, M.D., Henry Langley Browne, F.R.C.S., L. Hepenstall Ormsby, M.D., W. J. Walsham, F.R.C.S.

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