

Miss Scott then in a few graceful words introduced Mrs. Dacre Craven, as a Nurse better known in the nursing world as Miss Florence Lees.

Mrs. Dacre Craven said that next to Miss Nightingale she thought she was the oldest Nurse in the country. She then detailed the various institutions and religious societies at home and abroad in which and with whom she had worked. What she had felt when working with the religious sisterhood was that wherever they went they had a resting place, there being a complete freemasonry among them. This, then, was the great aim of the Royal British Nurses' Association, that wherever a Nurse went she might obtain fellowship and support. Therefore it was an honour to belong to such a body, and every individual member should do the utmost in her power to induce others to join and to increase its influence in every way.

Mr. Fardon said it gave him great pleasure to lay before the meeting the advantages that might accrue to any Nurse from joining such an Association. This Association brought Nurses from all quarters into daily contact with one another, and would in the future prove of immense assistance to those abroad as well as at home, as its desire was to help *British Nurses* all over the world, and that he appealed to all Nurses to help, as the members of a great Sisterhood.

Dr. Coupland said the ground had already been so well covered by those who had spoken before him that there was little left for him to add. But what he wished to impress upon his hearers was that each individual local centre must draw out its own line of work, compile its own rules and regulations, and manage its own affairs by ties of affection and association, subject to the control of the parent body.

Votes of thanks were then proposed and passed, and the guests were most hospitably entertained in the Board Room by Miss Scott. It is to be regretted that none of the members of the visiting staff of the Hospital were present, although the future success of the suggested local centres must depend entirely upon the power of organisation amongst the Nurses themselves.

Appointments.

MISS EMILY ASTON has been appointed Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Miss Aston was trained in the Nightingale School in connection with St. Thomas' Hospital, where she worked from 1875 to 1881, and at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, from 1881 to 1884, in which year she was appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Government Civil Hospital, Ceylon; in 1887 she became Matron of the Eastern Fever Hospital, at Homerton; in 1890 Matron of the Colonial Hospital, at Gibraltar; and later, Lady Superintendent of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro. Miss Emily Aston is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse, and will therefore bring twenty years' varied experience of nursing and Hospital superintendence to her new post, and will be able to take a leading part in the organisation of the Local Centre of the Royal British Nurses' Association, lately inaugurated in Newcastle.

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It will afford pleasure to many of our readers to learn that, as we explain in our Editorial this week, we have determined to organise a complete Exhibition of the appliances employed in modern Nursing, and that this will be opened early next summer. Arrangements have already been completed which practically ensure the success of the undertaking,

and full particulars will in due course be given in these columns.

WE are glad to find that our correspondence column is proving of practical value to our readers. This week we would specially draw their attention to the many points of interest with which the letters deal. Miss Mollett touches on a subject that is of vital interest to all Hospital Sisters. Miss Edith Bradley clenches the correspondence concerning the education of Women Lecturers with the sketch of a most hopeful scheme. Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association are much more eloquent on paper than they usually are "in Council"; and luckily for the progress of the world generally, our district Nurses do not quite agree concerning the burning question of the wheel. It is to be hoped we shall receive a goodly number of letters for next week's issue dealing with the topics under discussion.

THE late Lord Mayor, in appealing for more workers in connection with the Friendly Workers' Movement among the London poor, said, "The number of ladies anxious to become Nurses largely exceeds those for whom the Hospitals have vacancies, and an opportunity is here afforded by which the services of such ladies can be most usefully and profitably employed."

THE subject chosen for discussion at the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' Debating Society at its meeting on Thursday, the 14th, was "Trilby." Trilby does not seem to be losing hold on the public mind, and the interest is likely to be revived by the admirable dramatic representation of Du Maurier's fine work.

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