

under the authority of the lay and not a medical committee when not on duty in the wards.

Miss Mollett, in conclusion, said that in the wards, and professionally, nursing was subordinate to medicine, but just as Nurses could find no representation in the various Medical Societies, so she thought there was no necessity that societies composed of women should contain medical men. Nurses must work for themselves because they *are* Nurses, and their organisations should be on lines approved by the medical profession, though not managed and controlled by them.

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### The Registered Nurses' Society's Conversazione.

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"I THINK the Nurses ought really to meet together oftener, if only for the benefit of the artists," said the wife of a well-known leader in the artistic world, as she entered St. Martin's Town Hall on Saturday evening. And this lady was by no means the only person present whose sentiments led to a cordial hope that such a pleasant re-union might be only the first of many similar gatherings. Pretty as the Hall looks by day, it was enhanced by the bright electric lights and the varied costumes and artistic uniforms of many a London and Provincial Hospital. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Ridley, and ten of the senior members of the Registered Nurses' Society, whose tasteful uniform was brightened by scarlet geraniums—the colour of the NURSING RECORD—received upwards of 300 guests as they entered the room. Pleasant greetings were heard on all sides from many to whom such an opportunity of meeting friends of early Training School days is very welcome and delightful.

The majority of the medical men who are interested in the good work which the Registered Nurses' Society is doing, accepted the invitation of the Committee, and many of the ladies and gentlemen who had been nursed also attended the gathering. All warmly congratulated the Hon. Superintendent upon the success of the Society, and the admirable work of the members, and announced their determination to continue to assist the Society. Amongst the guests we noticed the Matrons of St. Bartholomew's, St. Mary's, and the Metropolitan Hospitals, Miss E. Cartwright, Miss Ross, Miss Butler, Miss Emily Jones, Mrs. Okell, Miss Margaret Breay, Miss Amy Lang, Miss Robertson, Miss Sidney Brown, Mrs. Bouchier, Miss Power, Miss Ashwall, Miss Campbell, Miss Fitzpatrick, Sister Marian Rumball, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison-Cripps, Dr.

and Mrs. Greaves, Dr. Theobalds, Mr. Alban Doran, Dr. and Mrs. Grey, Dr. and Mrs. Couper-Cripps, and many others.

The platform was occupied during the greater part of the evening by the Pierrot Banjo Team, the repeated encores filling up nearly all the allotted intervals between their performances, which consisted of banjo duets, plantation songs, and comic character sketches and solos, together with songs from Pierrette, an accomplished musician, with a charming soprano voice of unusual compass and sweetness.

Twice during the evening a Demonstration of the New Shadow Photography was shown in the small Hall, by Mr. A. W. Isanthal, who, in a few introductory remarks, explained the method of photography by the X or Röntgen Rays—the electric light, concentrated on a vacuum, penetrating through the objects shown, except through metal and bone substances. Diagrams were on view, pointing to the valuable assistance promised by the X Rays to modern Surgery and Medicine—the chest and lungs in actual working being shadowed, though somewhat dimly. Great interest was caused by those present seeing the bones of their own hands and arms reflected on to a screen, from which it appeared that women's hands, especially if slender and delicate, are far more translucent than the hand of the average man. It rather amused the Demonstrator to see the ladies pull back their lace sleeves in order to expose more fully the bones of the forearm, and he showed a Nurse who was about to remove her cuff that she could see her bones through her sleeve and even through a wooden screen.

The entertainment lasted until close on midnight, when the last of the guests departed, one and all expressing pleasure at the delightful evening they had spent, and congratulating the Registered Nurses' Society upon the success of its first Conversazione.

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### Congratulations.

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WE beg to thank our many correspondents for their most kind and appreciative letters received during the past week in relation to the Nursing Exhibition in St. Martin's Town Hall. It is impossible that the Exhibition can be kept open after the 13th inst., because the Hall is engaged daily through the greater part of the year for various meetings. The fact that all press notices and letters received lay stress upon the educational value of the Exhibition is greatly appreciated by those ladies who have worked so untiringly for its success.

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