

calmly submitting to the ruling of Sir James Crichton Browne, and letting the matter drop. I have communicated with the Postmaster-General and await his reply.

You will oblige me by laying this letter before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

I am, Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
MARGARET BREAY.

Inglewood, Fleet, Hants.  
July 22nd, 1896.

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MADAM,—In reply to your communications of the 11th and 22nd instant, I am directed to inform you that the letter to which you refer was duly delivered as a registered express letter, and its receipt was acknowledged by "E. G. E. Guiseppi" at 2.50 p.m., June 30th, whose signature acknowledging the delivery is now in the possession of the department.

I am, Madam,  
Your obedient servant,  
L. BRIDGER,  
Per Secretary.

Miss Breay.

#### WANDSWORTH AND CLAPHAM UNION INFIRMARY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—I am surprised to see the dimensions to which certain allegations, made by a Guardian, have grown. Even your excellent paper, in its Echoes, recommends an enquiry. Into what?

There has not been any complaint made by any Sister, Nurse, or Probationer, to the Board; the whole of the present staff, when appointed, were asked had each seen the regulations, wage list, quarters, and duties, and affirmed their *wish* to be appointed and conform. Unfortunately, a very small number of the Probationers find discipline irksome, and any interference with their own ideas is resented as a grievance. The whole question has been raised by the ignorance and prejudice of two people who appear to think such an important function as an inquiry can be had because it is *asked for, simply*, without giving any reason, *simply* on the ground of personal opinion. Without saying more, I would feel exceedingly obliged if you will favour our Infirmary with a visit to see for yourself. I will try to be there, unless I have some meeting. I may say I attend every day (the Guardian who made the complaint will be away a month at a time). Should I be unable to attend, the Matron, Miss Ansty, whom I am informed you know, will be glad to show you round and give you every information.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
DUNCAN MILLIGAN,  
Chairman.  
21, Spencer Road,  
New Wandsworth.  
July 27th, 1896.

#### Nursing Awards from the Columbian Exposition.

THE medals and diplomas, awarded for exhibits at the Chicago Exhibition, have at last reached their owners, and both are of a very fine design. In the British Nursing Section two medals and diplomas were awarded to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Registered Nurse, the President of the British Nursing Section. No. 1. "For collective scientific exhibit, general excellence, and advancing Nursing methods," No. 2. "For bedstead and fittings."

One medal and diploma was awarded to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, "For bag for the use of District Nurses, best of the kind exhibited."

One medal and diploma, Surgical Models, "For exquisite workmanship and beauty," to Miss Marion Rumball, Registered Nurse, Sister, London Homœopathic Hospital.

One medal and diploma, private Nurse's Holdall, "For completeness and usefulness," to Miss Marion Pincoffs, Registered Nurse.

The medals, which are of bronze, are three inches across, and on the face is represented the landing of Christopher Columbus on American soil, in 1492. The reverse side represents Heralds proclaiming the event to the world, supported by lighted torches, and the inscription, supported on an old Spanish galley, "World's Columbian Exposition, in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Columbus, 1492-1893."

The diploma, a fine engraving, 24 inches by 18, represents Columbia, a lovely female figure, who wears the cap of Liberty, with sword discarded, holding out the olive branch of peace to her three children, a charming group of white, black, and red urchins. The inscription is supported on the historical Spanish galley, containing five figures of the inhabitants of the various quarters of the globe, Europe, Asia, Africa. Civilization, who steers the galley, offers in his hand the world, surmounted by a cross, and uprising is a beautiful Herald of Peace, who is in the act of encircling the fallen sword with a wreath of olives. It is a charming allegorical picture of the brother-hood of man when the nations shall live in unity together, and when true civilization, Liberty and Reason going hand in hand shall have conquered those brute forces in us, which are ever at war with the spiritual instinct of the higher life.

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