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It has been an open secret that many gentlemen of experience and authority in hospital management ridicule the absurd assumption of infallibility, and strongly disapprove of the mischievous interference, so often adopted by Sir Henry Burdett, in the details of management of various institutions, concerning which he has little knowledge, and less authority. We, therefore, congratulate the Chairmen and Secretaries of the London hospitals who have at last combined to manage their own affairs. We have no hesitation in saying that the insolent tone, often adopted towards the nursing profession by Sir Henry Burdett, combined with the vulgar abuse of those members of our profession who have disputed his right to such dictation and interference, in conjunction with his invariable support of those who are attempting to prevent nurses combining for their professional advancement, is one of the chief causes, and one of the worst features of the present controversy in the Nursing world.

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We hear glowing accounts of the charming new Children's Convalescent Home, at St. Anne's-on-Sea, which has quite recently been opened in connection with the Hospital for Sick Children at Pendlebury. The new home, which is a gift of the chairman, Sir William Agnew, stands in the centre of three acres of land, and an uninterrupted access to, and view of, the sea has been secured. It is about a mile from St. Anne's, on the Blackpool side, and is quite amidst the sandhills. The building is of red and white brick alternated, and is designed on the lines of a cottage hospital, looking not unlike a substantial villa. The interior is very attractive, every detail is neatly and adequately finished, and the best of fittings and furnishings are used. There is accommodation for twenty-four children in all—an equal number of boys and girls.

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At the recent annual meeting of the Ancoats Hospital, it was stated that the number of accidents treated in the past year had been 6388, or a daily average of nearly eighteen. It is to be regretted that the committee of this hospital should have financial anxieties. The income, at present, does not meet current expenses, and each year there is a large and increasing balance due to the bank. At the same time it is necessary that structural alterations should be made. It is to be hoped, therefore, that those who are possessed of means, in the neighbourhood of this important institution, may rise to a sense of their responsibilities.

An interesting Conference of Cornish Guardians has recently taken place with regard to the best means of providing better accommodation for lunatics throughout the county. Mr. T. Webber, C.C., Chairman of the Falmouth Board, presided, and nearly every Union in the county was represented by a delegate. The Chairman stated that, at the request of the Falmouth Board, he had seen the Local Government Board, and, while having the sympathy of the Board, he found that they could not expect any pecuniary help. One of the head officials of the Local Government Board had said that Cornwall would have the satisfaction of being the pioneer in a scheme which was bound to be realized ultimately. The suggestion made, that imbeciles should be separated from ordinary paupers, is creditable to all the guardians concerned. It is to be regretted that, in answer to the inquiry as to whether, in the event of a combination of Unions in Cornwall in order to provide an institution or institutions for pauper imbeciles, the grant of four shillings per head would be paid as now, the reply was received: "As an institution for pauper imbeciles, such as that to which you refer, would not be either an asylum, hospital, or licensed house, the Board are of opinion that the grant of four shillings per head weekly would not be payable in respect of the paupers maintained therein." We hope that, in the interests of imbeciles, and in justice to the efforts of the Cornish Guardians, this red tapeism may be overcome.

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According to the report on "Sanitary Measures in India," just issued as a bluebook, the health of the British troops in India was slightly better in 1895 than during the previous year. The chief causes of sickness in the Army were mainly two, ague and contagious disease. These maladies between them account for fifty-nine per cent. of the ill-health, the latter disease causing thirty-six per cent. of the sickness and twenty per cent. of the invaliding. The Army Sanitary Commission, referring to this evil, remark that it has reached dimensions which threaten to be ruinous to the efficiency of the European Army in India. The chief cause of mortality was enteric fever, which caused forty-four per cent. of the total deaths.

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Nine of the members of the visiting staff of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, have addressed a letter to the managers of that institution, stating that as an article which has appeared in the *Glasgow Herald* may lead some to suppose that there is constant friction between the board of managers or the superintendent and the medical and surgical staff, they at least desire to say that they entertain no such feelings, as they are invariably treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

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The first sod of the new Cottage Hospital, Nuttall Lane, Ramsbottom, was recently cut by Mrs. Aitken, of Holcombe Hall, who is defraying the whole of the cost and presenting the building to the town. The cost of the hospital is estimated at about £3000.

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