

and Committee and Cloak Rooms. The principal daily papers are taken, also illustrated papers and nursing papers, etc. The rooms look out over St. Stephen's Green Park, and are conveniently situated in a central position. At our opening meeting there were about 25 Matrons and 250 nurses present; they were all in uniform, with cap and apron: and, in the rooms, well lighted, profusely decorated with flowers, and prettily arranged, the scene was a very picturesque one indeed. The doctors attached to the different Dublin hospitals received invitations; and those who were able to be present, including the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and some past Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, and the leading practitioners in the City, expressed their warm congratulations at the starting of the Club, and their approval of its objects and aims. Dublin has hitherto been very much behindhand in accommodation of this kind for nurses; and the present effort is welcomed as one that will be of the greatest use and benefit to the nursing profession in Dublin, where there are about 700 nurses at work in the hospitals and as private nurses. We now number over 400 members, and fresh applications for membership are being constantly received. After Christmas it is hoped that lectures will be given at frequent intervals by doctors, members of the Club, and other friends, on subjects which will be instructive and of interest to nurses. The Club is only in its infancy; but, so far, the results are full of encouragement, and we are confident of its success."

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It is most satisfactory to note that the leading members of the medical profession in Dublin have extended their moral support to this new movement of Dublin nurses. This is quite the right relation between doctors and nurses outside the sick-room. Courteous interest in their welfare, and encouragement to co-operate and aim at high ideals, and practical perfection, is the wisest attitude for medicine to assume towards nursing.

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To grasp at every particle of practical power, to arrogate to themselves every title and position of authority after the fashion of the medical members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has been its ruin, and has left the men who have attempted to coerce trained nurses in London in an unenviable position of isolation, supported only by those nurses who receive a *quid pro quo* from their patronage—or hope to do so. The mainspring of success of a professional association must be self-management by the members of that profession; at present the

R.B.N.A. is being farmed out for a little cheap notoriety by men who have never taken a part in organizing or effecting reforms in nursing matters, and who are entirely out of sympathy with professional autonomy for nurses. We feel quite sure that neither Irish doctors or nurses will place themselves in such an untenable position.

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We have kept our readers informed in the matter in dispute between the Guardians of the East Preston Union and the Superintendent Nurse of the Infirmary, so that they are aware that the Guardians have dismissed Miss Rogers, without enquiry, and without giving her any opportunity of defending herself against unknown accusations. This may be a modern method of management in State institutions, but it is not British justice, and it is to defend the principle endangered by this high-handed proceeding that Miss Rogers proposes to have legal advice.

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Two correspondents have proposed that we should open a fund to help Miss Rogers, and in reply to an enquiry as to her wishes in the matter, Miss Rogers writes that she is defending herself "on principle" for the sake of others who may find themselves in the same position as she now stands. We agree with her that her case is one "that should receive sympathy and help." We shall, therefore, be very pleased to acknowledge and forward to Miss Rogers any pecuniary help which those who sympathise with her care to send. We are pleased to learn that Miss Rogers has received many letters approving of the plucky stand she is making for right. We all know how easy it is to slink away and shake the dust of tyranny off our shoes; but that doesn't hurt the tyrant, he merely "chortles in his joy" and goes one better next time.

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THE latest Blue-book of the Local Government Board for 1899—1900 affords both instructive and interesting reading. We are only, however, able to draw attention to one point mentioned, namely, the incompetence of some of the nurses employed in infirmaries. Of one of these it is told that, having been directed to take a patient's temperature, she placed the thermometer in the water-jug. Another case of incompetence on the part of a nurse resulted in the patient's death, and the moral is deduced that "untrained housemaids at £20 a year are not effective understudies of the nurse's role."

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THE male nurses of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, have been charged with manslaughter and with causing the death of a patient by strangulation and brutal violence. The "persuader," a coarse pillow-case rolled tight, and

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