

abused by others in the hospital world. Mr. Lushington's letter flatly contradicts this, and he speaks from a knowledge, and with an interest in Nurses and Nursing, which few laymen possess, or have ever evinced to a like extent.

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THE Matron, we are told, "should be a clever, practical woman, without much intellect." How any woman can be "clever," and yet be nearly devoid of intelligence, is another enigma. The article concludes thus—"Much rubbish is talked about the noble profession of Nursing; the writer has seen a great deal of it in all the largest Hospitals, and would recommend those women who wish to keep a pure mind and a tender heart, to adopt any other profession than Nursing." All I would say in reply to this gratuitous insult, is that, of course, no one has any right to contradict the writer, or for a moment disbelieve her implied assertion as to the results of her own Nursing experience, upon the purity of her mind and the tenderness of her heart; but, on the other hand, it is absolutely false that Hospital work produces this result upon many other women.

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I HEAR that Miss M. L. Roberts, who was trained at St. George's, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of Nurses at the large and important Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, in the place of Miss Fletcher, who vacated the post upon her election as Matron to the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, in Moorfields. Both ladies have therefore secured substantial success, and position in the Nursing world, and may be warmly congratulated not only upon that fact, but also upon the great opportunities thus afforded to them of further professional work and advancement. It is reported that Miss Nott-Bower has been the successful applicant for the vacant post of Matron at the Huddersfield Infirmary. She was trained at Guy's, and in the five years during which she has worked there, has acted as Staff Nurse and Sister of several of the largest wards. Also that Miss Prince has been elected Matron of the Blackburn Infirmary. She was trained at St. Thomas's, and thereafter became a Sister, a position which she held for three years. Since then she has taken temporary duty for the Matrons of several provincial Hospitals.

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I AM told that the Committee of the Nurses' Home at Sheffield have appointed Miss Armstrong to the office of Lady Superintendent in the place of Miss Corvan, whose resignation I noticed and discussed in our tenth number. There were upwards of fifty applicants for the post. Miss Armstrong worked for about six years in the Rochdale Hospital, and latterly at the Deaconess' Institute at Chester. I only hope she will meet with less discourtesy, and her efforts with more gratitude, than her predecessor has

experienced at the hands of the Committee. The most extraordinary stories come from Sheffield anent this case. It is said that thirty-one of Miss Corvan's late Nurses expressed their intention to go with her, and that she therefore took a house in the town in order to open a new Nursing Home. This becoming known, the Committee summoned Miss Corvan before it, and peremptorily ordered her to leave the Home within twenty-four hours, although her notice to leave did not expire for another three weeks! I heartily wish Miss Corvan and the thirty-one Nurses who have not flinched from supporting her, every possible success, and if she will let me know how she progresses, I will gladly record it here.

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I HEAR that a very large and most enthusiastic meeting was held last week at the General Hospital, Birmingham, in support of the objects and aims of the British Nurses' Association. Miss Wood explained once more the evident necessity that exists for closer union amongst Nurses, and showed not only what this would effect for themselves, but also for others. I have been promised a full account of the meeting, and fully expected to have received it in time for this number. I hope, however, to have it in time for next week's issue. It is also rumoured that a number of energetic members have volunteered to address meetings in County Hospitals during the summer. Among others, Miss Homersham, the well-known and eloquent lecturer on Nursing for the National Health Society, proposes, I am told, to speak upon the subject, in several Hospitals.

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My kindest and most constant correspondent, writes to tell me of a most thoughtful and generous action at St. Bartholomew's. Mr. Hoskier, who is a Governor of the Institution, and the father of one of the Staff Nurses, has undertaken the expense of providing the Recreation Room, with stamped writing paper and envelopes for the use of the Nurses. Those who, unfortunately, may be in mourning, are not forgotten, for a supply of appropriate stationery is also included. Mr. Hoskier next noticed the somewhat cheerless aspect of the room, and has completely metamorphosed it, by decorating the walls with some good pictures, and the archway by bright handsome curtains. When a Nurse is off duty, it is good not only for her, but also for her patients, that she should have pleasanter, prettier things about her, than is possible in the wards, and so take the strain of the constant monotony of dulness off her mind and spirits. Mr. Hoskier's wise liberality may, therefore, be most earnestly commended for imitation by the Governors of every Hospital in the kingdom, for the patients' sakes as well as for the Nurses' benefit.

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I AM asked to announce that a series of articles upon the Nursing of fever cases will appear in this, and

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