

the main issue of the offence of breach of faith by making a false charge against this Journal, assuming that we go for information in this, and other matters, to the Limited Liability paper, brought out under his auspices. He says:—'*The Charity Record* copied the information from last week's *Hospital*, and sent it round in slips—a course its editor has taken on more than one recent occasion.' This, we say again, is false, and the four lines we quote contain as many mis-statements. But, were the charge true, it would not come well from our weekly contemporary, which, as we have had occasion to point out, is up to all sorts of tricks to try and increase its circulation. In our issue of January 5, we drew attention to the fact that Mr. Gladstone's speech, on behalf of the Mary Wardell Convalescent Home, reported specially for the *The Charity Record*, nearly six years before, was palmed off upon the public by our contemporary—the *Weekly Institutional Journal of Science, Medicine, Nursing, and Philanthropy*—just because Mr. Gladstone said he had not changed his sentiments. This speech, delivered six years previously, was dished up as if it were a special communication from the Ex-Premier to the *Hospital*. Was this, also, an 'inadvertence,' or a 'misunderstanding'? Then, again, last November, in connection with the Nurses' Pension Fund, there was, as we then termed it, 'a stupid attempt to malign and deprecate the influence of *The Charity Record*.' These are some of the little dodges of the *Hospital*, whose recent attack upon the *Lancet* will not be soon forgotten. It is really amusing to note the ever-recurring prescriptions of the editor of this 'weekly institutional journal,' for the solution of social and other problems. One day he proposes a remedy for social evils, another, one for hospital difficulties; next comes a scheme for the raising of £100,000 for the Hospital Sunday Fund; then the Hospital Saturday Fund is dealt with; and the same individual even condescends to take in hand the affairs of the Navy, and all with about equal results—viz., the patients, if subjected to the wonderful remedies, get none the better. In fact they seem to us to be rather the worse for it. We really must apologize to our readers for devoting so much valuable space to an attack from this quarter."

NURSING ECHOES.

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I AM extremely glad to hear of the rapid success of the British Nurses' Association. Members

must be literally pouring in, judging by the numbers already enrolled. At any rate, Nurses have cleared themselves from any suspicion that they are not alive to their own interests, for in a short time, at the present rate of progress, the difficulty will be to find a Trained Nurse who does not belong to the Association. But one cannot help seeing that most of the success is due to the clever way in which the Association is being worked. I have heard two pieces of news the last week about the organisation, which proves the foresight which is displayed.

THE first is that, in every large centre in the Provinces, the members are being encouraged to draw closer together, and hold little meetings of their own, to discuss the details of Registration, and other matters of importance to Nurses. Local Secretaries are being chosen for each district to organise these meetings, collect new members, and forward local information to the central office. I hear that the work of organisation is proceeding rapidly in this direction, not only to the great benefit of the members, but also to the strengthening of the Association.

My other piece of news is, that arrangements are being made for a great campaign in the coming autumn in the Provinces, on behalf of the Association. The Executive Committee have appointed Miss Wood, the well-known and late Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, to act as a deputation, and visit any town in the Provinces, to which she may be invited, to address meetings upon the aims and objects of the Association. I am told that all that is necessary is for the Matron of any Hospital, whose Nurses are desirous of personal information on the subject, to write direct to Miss Wood, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.; she will direct her how to call, and arrange a meeting. I dare say my readers read the accounts of the enthusiastic gatherings at Cambridge, Birmingham, Lincoln, Leicester, and Nottingham, which appeared in our pages about two months ago, and, naturally enough, the great Northern and South country cities seem anxious to obtain the same advantages which then fell to the large Midland centres.

I HAVE never had an opportunity yet to review *Nursing Notes* for this month. My readers probably know that it is called "A practical journal for Nurses," and that it is closely connected with the Midwives' Institute. They also probably are aware that one of the main objects of that Institute is to obtain the passage of a Bill through Parliament to render the examination of Midwives

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