

probably prove very interesting. Certainly the Agenda looks very promising; it runs as follows:—To receive reports from the Executive Committee; to consider various schemes for the benefit of members; to consider draft outline of petition for Charter, and other business. I am told that the Association continues to grow in the most astonishing way, that the numbers are mounting up rapidly to eleven hundred, and that the interest now taken in the provincial meetings increases steadily. I have been reading the account of the Sheffield meeting, which will appear in this number, I believe; and Mr. Editor tells me he has received a report of one held at Bradford, and will publish it in our next issue. Miss Wood

seems indefatigable, and certainly no one better could have been chosen to “stump the country” than this well-known and generally respected lady. I am told that this is the part of the work of organization she has undertaken to perform, and that the Matron of any provincial Hospital, who wishes her Nurses, and the Matrons and Nurses of neighbouring Institutions, to understand what the Association is, and what it means to do, can, by writing to Miss Wood, 7, St. George’s Mansion, Red Lion Square, London, W.C., obtain full information how to organize a meeting, at which she will herself attend, and give the fullest explanations which may be desired upon the subject.

It is quite evident that if the Association continues to increase at this unprecedented rate it will not need this assistance and publicity, because all Nurses, who desire to take a good standing in their profession, will soon be almost compelled to become Members. When seven-eighths, say, of the whole body of Nurses have become members, it will obviously be thought that there must be something against the few in any Nursing circle who have not then been admitted as such. Consequently, I should advise all country Matrons to avail themselves of the chance of a visit from Miss Wood, while the Association continues to offer them the gratuitous opportunity.

TALKING of this body, Mr. Editor thinks it would be interesting, to those readers of this Journal who are not Members, to see the Card of Membership. The following is an exact reproduction, except that in the original the British Nurses’ Association, and the line under it, are printed in scarlet, and the roll number of the Member is written in red ink at the top of the card:—

## British Nurses’ Association.

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Has been this day admitted as a Member of the  
Association.

*W. L. Paget*

President.

SOME weeks ago I commented upon a ridiculous paragraph which appeared in a contemporary, and which talked of some one having “scored one” against the British Nurses’ Association. I asked how the one *was* scored, and when? A correspondent has kindly sent me this month’s number of the Journal, in which I find the Editor devotes nearly a column to excusing himself for his remarks. I hinted that, perhaps, he did not understand what he was writing about, and as he confesses frankly, and says, “for my part I plead ignorance,” it is evidently useless to ask him again for further information. But I wish he had realised his ignorance of the subject before he attacked the Association.

WHATEVER Sir James Paget says, is not only said wisely, but well. It is generally admitted that he is an orator whose eloquence is equalled by few men in this country, or any other, and is probably surpassed by none. The expressions of such a man upon Nursing and Nurses must, therefore, be of the greatest interest; and when it is remembered that Sir James Paget is not only the long-acknowledged Leader of British Surgeons, but was for many years connected most intimately with St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, which has of late taken such a high position in the Nursing world, his views must be all the more important. I am glad, therefore, but not at all surprised, to read, in the account of the opening ceremony of the new Hospital at Yarmouth, which he performed last month, that he spoke in the highest terms of the advances made of late years in Nursing.

I AM very glad to hear that the authorities of the Royal Free Hospital have extended their term of

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