

the entertainment will be. One thing only anyone could prophesy safely—it is sure to be organised most carefully, and to prove a splendid success.

THE Association is now an admitted power among Nurses, and is showing the effect of union and united effort already in many little ways. From all parts of the country, Mr. Editor tells me he is now getting letters, asking about the establishment of libraries for Nurses, how lectures to Nurses should be organised, and how various improvements in their training are to be carried out. News comes of sick cookery classes being started at one place, instructions in house-keeping being offered to Nurses who have finished their training at a great Dublin Hospital, and fresh opportunities of learning and teaching being afforded in ever so many Institutions. The keynote, I hear, of all these letters is the same. "Registration is coming to raise the whole standard of Nursing knowledge. We do not mean to be found behind other Hospitals, when our means of instructing Nurses is inquired into." This, of course, is just what every one acquainted with Nurses expected would happen, though people who do not understand them thought that Registration would have exactly the contrary effect.

THE ladies who formed the first detachment of Nurses for the Indian Army have not been allowed much breathing time before seeing active service. Our readers will remember the most interesting and vivid account Miss Loch gave a few weeks ago in these pages of the novel life she and her co-workers were living in the Military Hospitals. Now, I learn that this most popular lady has been despatched with four of her Sisters to Oghi, to organise and carry on the Nursing at the base Hospital of the Hazara field force, which is now occupied in the Black Mountain expedition, one of the innumerable little wars in which this country is incessantly being engaged.

I AM glad to hear that Miss Alice Clarke, one of the Nursing Sisters at Haslar, has been appointed to succeed Miss Newberry as Matron of the pretty little Infirmary at Sherborne. Miss Clarke was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and gained a first-class certificate at the termination of the three years' course at that Institution. In May, 1886, she was appointed to the post she now vacates at the Royal Naval Hospital. Kind correspondents who write to me about some Hospital appointments, seem rather surprised that they have not been noticed in these columns. It is therefore, perhaps, necessary for me to say that Mr. Editor has to find space in this journal for a great many first-class contributions. As

this paper has now a large circulation in the United States, Canada, India, Australia, and South Africa, besides throughout the United Kingdom, Nurses who possess literary powers, often of no mean order, are naturally anxious to ventilate their views in a now thoroughly recognised professional paper.

THE consequence of all which is that I am sharply limited in my Echoes, as a rule, to four columns, and find from week to week more Nursing news to tell, than space in which to narrate it. I shall always be glad to give notice of any new appointments, but it must be distinctly understood that I cannot do so unless the news is sent to me direct, with an account of the training and previous appointments held by the successful lady. I certainly will not copy such news from non-professional papers.

I AM glad to hear that Miss A. M. Whitfield has been appointed Matron at the New Hospital, at Great Yarmouth. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has till lately been working at the Northern Hospital at Liverpool. I am told also that Miss Bessie Noble has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Home for Nurses at Bournemouth. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital for Children, at Chelsea, and then became Sister at that Institution, passing from there to act as Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Manchester Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution. I am also indebted to the Hon. Secretary of the Bridgwater Infirmary, for the information that Miss Tearse has just been appointed to the post of Matron at that Institution.

I AM glad to be able to announce that arrangements are about to be made to allow Nurses to advertise in this Journal, for posts and work which they desire to obtain, at the low price of One Shilling for thirty words, with the further privilege of procuring three insertions of their advertisement for half-a-crown. With the large and wide circulation the *Record* has already obtained, this will afford to Nurses an altogether unequalled opportunity for securing publicity to their desire for employment.

I AM asked to give the following particulars about the Gigantic Doll Show, which is to be held at the Hospital for Sick Children, at Great Ormond Street, on Friday and Saturday, November 9th and 10th. The prizes are to be of the value of £5, £3, and £1, and the rules for competition run thus:—

1.—An Entrance Fee of One Shilling for each doll to be sent with the full name and address of the competitor.

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