

select ballad concert by well-known artistes, and that there will be other entertainments besides, about which I cannot yet obtain definite information. But, at any rate, everything points to the Association's *Conversazione* being a splendid success; and I would advise any member who wants a ticket for a friend to apply at once, as I hear that only a limited number can be issued. Members' cards, I see, are very fairly, "non-transferable," so that they will not admit anyone except Members.

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THE Nurses of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, have, during the last year, gone through their first course of Lectures, and the examination took place a few days ago, when sixteen out of sixteen passed, and obtained the new certificate. The Committee have agreed to give a yearly prize to the Nurse gaining the highest number of marks; and as two Nurses came out together this year, it has been decided to give to each a useful Medical or Surgical book.

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THE system at the Royal Free Hospital is excellent. It is part of the Lady Superintendent's duty to take part in the examination of the Nurses. Indeed it is only rational that, knowing their individual work and character so much better than any member of the Medical Staff can possibly do, the Lady Superintendent should, as a matter of course, take part in all Hospitals in the examination of her Nurses. Moreover, by this means, she would be able to award marks to each Nurse according to the manner in which she had worked in the Wards, a criterion of Nursing capabilities, which is certainly as important as the amount of knowledge of Elementary Anatomy and Physiology she has acquired.

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THE new Certificate which is to be awarded to the Nurses at the Royal Free is very handsome, and, for documents of this character, is unusually well worded; in fact, it may well be recommended as a useful pattern for Hospitals, which intend in future to grant such a reward, to copy.

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A CORRESPONDENT sends me the following account from the *Yorkshire Post* of a meeting held on November 5th, on behalf of the British Nurses' Association, at the County Hospital, York:—"In the absence of the Dean of York, Dr. Matterson presided. There was a large attendance of Nurses and others, including several local Medical men. The Chairman briefly introduced Miss Wood, who dilated upon the great issues involved in the work of a Nurse, and said a great deal of mischief was done by imperfectly trained

Nurses, or wholly untrained women, taking the charge of patients. These inefficient aspirants to the profession, not only were inimical to the interests of the public, but crowded out many properly trained Nurses, and the first object of the British Nurses' Association would be to get all the Nurses in the country welded together in one organisation. The qualification of membership would be simply three years' work as a Nurse, and if they could get a sufficient proportion of the fifteen thousand Nurses in the United Kingdom to join, the Association would take steps to obtain the grant of a Charter to bring about an official Registration of Nurses. After several questions had been put to Miss Wood and answered, Dr. Hewetson proposed, Dr. Hingston seconded, and Dr. Ramsay supported, a resolution expressing approval of the aims of the Association, and pledging the meeting to support it. This was agreed to, and a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Wood, on the motion of Dr. Jalland, seconded by Dr. Hitchcock, for her exposition of the objects of the movement. A vote of thanks to Dr. Matterson for presiding, passed on the motion of Mr. Feltoe, seconded by Mr. Crawhall, terminated the proceedings.

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IT is reported that Miss Gordon has been appointed to the vacant Lady Superintendentship of the Charing Cross Hospital. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and has for some years acted as Assistant Matron at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. She has there had great and varied experience, having assisted in the supervision of at least 250 Nurses engaged in Hospital, Private, and District work. She is a sister, I believe, of Miss Gordon, the well-known Lady Superintendent of the General Infirmary at Leeds.

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I HEAR that Miss M. Stuart has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Brownlow Hill Infirmary at Liverpool, in place of Miss Gibson, whose appointment to the New Infirmary at Birmingham I chronicled a few weeks ago. Miss Stuart was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and then became, first Night Superintendent, and then the Assistant Superintendent at Brownlow Hill.

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I AM told that Miss Henrietta Poole has been appointed Superintendent of Nursing at the large and important Adelaide Hospital in Dublin. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and being a native of the Emerald Isle, will probably be the better able to enlist the co-operation of her countrywomen in the great work of organising a system of modern Nursing, which she will have to carry out, and in which I wish her all success.

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