

THE arrangements show a consideration for which most Nurses will be grateful. All Nursing members are asked to appear in uniform, so that no one has to go to the slightest expense on the score of dress. Then, again, it was most thoughtful of the Executive Committee to allow any member to bring one or more friends by paying five shillings for each. I hear that that charge will cover the cost of the extra guest to the Association, and everyone knows how lonely one feels in a scene of pleasure unless one has some friend with one. And besides, most Nurses will feel glad to be able to take one or more friends to such an entertainment, and show them how *her* Association manages matters. I particularly asked the question, and was told that "friends" may be either ladies or gentlemen—that they may pay for their own cards, but that the application and the money must come through the member; otherwise the guests will have to pay half-a-guinea for admission, and I hear that a number of people interested in Nursing are asking to be allowed to have cards at that price. So the Association not only is going to give its members a splendid entertainment gratis, but gives their friends a distinct pecuniary privilege too. Really, under management like this, one cannot wonder at the marvellous success it has achieved!

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I MUST defer any further account of the proposed doings at the *Conversazione*, and would only advise my readers who are members, to secure a card for themselves at once if they can possibly go. But if their work prevents them from attending, then I should recommend them to try and obtain cards for any of their friends who live in, or near London, for it is a chance of giving them an unique opportunity of enjoyment at an extremely low cost. I mention this because I hear on all sides, how my friends appreciate me for obtaining them cards for five shillings, for which they themselves would have to pay half-a-guinea!

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MR. EDITOR asks me to mention that the Prize Essay judges report that "of the Essays sent in this month, only two are recommended for publication. They award the prize to Miss Dannatt, formerly Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, at Manchester, and now Honorary Superintendent of the District Nursing at Barton-on-Humber where her home is situated, and who is well known to our readers, in addition, for her valuable previous contributions to the pages of this Journal. They award 'honourable mention' to the Essay sent in by Mrs. Gay, who I am told was formerly a most popular member of the Nursing Staff at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

I MUST remind members of the British Nurses' Association that the first meeting of this Winter Session takes place to-morrow (Friday) evening, at eight p.m., at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, when Miss C. J. Wood, the well-known authoress, and late Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, will read a paper on "The Training of Nurses for Sick Children," a most suggestive and important subject. I hear that Dr. Octavius Sturges, the Senior Physician to the Westminster Hospital, will take the chair, and that a large meeting and good discussion is anticipated. With characteristic thoughtfulness and shrewdness it is advertised that "members will be admitted to the meetings upon signing their names in a book provided, as is customary; for this purpose. Non-members can obtain cards of admission at one shilling for each meeting, or five shillings for the course, upon application to the Hon. Secretaries, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W."

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I HEAR that Miss Grace Sackett, late Matron of the Royal Infirmary at Windsor, has been elected, out of fifty-eight candidates for the post, Matron of the Stratford-on-Avon Hospital. Also that Miss Emily Walton has been appointed Assistant-Matron to the Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool. She was trained at University College Hospital, and after leaving that Institution her Nursing experience has been both varied and considerable. It comprises Midwifery and Monthly Nursing at the Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, acting as Deputy-Matron at the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, District Nursing in Monmouth, Parish Work in the East End of London, and the organisation of a Convalescent Home at the sea-side.

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WE lately published articles from American Nurses describing their methods of work and play. But the following account, taken from the *New York Medical Record*, exhibits a picture from the patients' point of view, which certainly requires amendment, speedy and complete.

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"It has been my lot on three several occasions to experience the hospitality of public institutions, twice as patient for many months in paying Wards, once in close attendance upon a dying child. In each one of these cases my personal experience has been the same—devoted attention by Nurses and attendants, experienced skill, more or less valuable, on the part of the Physicians, unutterable discomfort from details owing to careless or wilful misman-

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