

honesty of its advertisement, and apply for the best possible skill—perhaps, in a case where life or death depends on the carefulness and experience of the Nurse. The Committee are apparently afraid that the Nurses may claim a share of the spoil of this procedure, because the accounts of this department are kept studiously secret and unpublished—a fact which is, to say the least, highly significant. And the balance sheet submitted to you as the full and faithful account of the Hospital's receipts and expenditure, is, therefore, incomplete and misleading.

I have, perhaps, said sufficient to prove the necessity which exists for an independent public inquiry into the management of the Nursing Department of the London Hospital. For the sake of Nurses, the public, and the Institution itself, I venture to urge the great necessity which exists for such an inquiry. Until this is done and reforms are effected, you will have constantly recurring scandals, and constantly increasing loss and discredit to your great Institution.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
MARY FISHER.

Nursing Echoes.

* * * All communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.



HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN, I hear, took the chair at the monthly meeting of the Registration Board of the R.B.N.A., on Friday, the 3rd inst., at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue.

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THE following appears in the *Sussex Express* :—

SIR,—With reference to circular from the Lord Mayor, addressed to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom, dated Mansion House, London, Jan. 25, 1893, will you please re-insert my recommendation on the same subject, as follows ?

Old Bank, Colchester,
Jan. 26, 1893.

W. B. WALLIS,
Surgeon, L.R.C.S.I.

[COPY.]

“PROPOSED NURSES’ ASSOCIATION FOR COLCHESTER.

“To the Editor.

“SIR,—Notwithstanding that cholera, like the true oriental as he is, cannot endure cold, yet we read in the daily papers of cases occurring within measurable dis-

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tance, and though for the present the dread of cholera has disappeared, the question is whether we shall be successful in keeping him at bay next summer. Take, for instance, an ordinary case of severe illness amongst us, and observe the trouble, uncertainty, anxiety, and too often the disappointment and enormous expense in procuring a good nurse from London or elsewhere. Picture then our condition were we overtaken by an epidemic of ‘Asiatic Cholera.’ Panic, suspension of business, confusion doubly confounded, fail to convey what it really would mean; and I therefore cannot too strongly urge the imperative necessity ‘while there is time’ of at once establishing an Institution to be known as the Colchester Nurses’ Association. It should be composed of healthy, strong, active, intelligent young women, neat in person, and pleasant in manner. They ought to be well paid out of the rates if necessary, as we all have an interest in it, and it should be under the supervision of a committee of ladies. My object is not to enter into details here, but to express my willingness on public grounds to give such information (the result of forty years’ experience both at home and abroad) as might lead to satisfactory results.

“W. B. WALLIS,
“Old Bank, Colchester. “Surgeon, L.R.C.S.I.
Nov. 9, 1892.

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MR. H. B. WALLIS is a man of sense—not only in his desire to take time by the forelock—but in suggesting that, should Asiatic cholera invade our shores, healthy, strong, active, intelligent young women—presumably untrained—would be useful. Such is a daring suggestion in these days, and yet shows Mr. WALLIS to be a man of experience—as, should such a terrible calamity occur, it would be but a limited number of patients who could be waited on by the certificated Nurse, or even by the uncertificated “Pro.”

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I OWN myself astonished at one or two anonymous letters I have read in two papers—presumably written by Nurses—affecting lofty disdain concerning the brave women who have come forward in view of possible danger—noble and patriotic women who have enrolled their names on the Volunteer Cholera Corps—prepared at any moment to go anywhere where their services may be of greatest use to their suffering compatriots. The writers of these letters are profuse in the protestation that of course they, individually, are ready to face the cholera scourge should it attack our people. But they scrupulously retain their names and addresses from publication. If there are Nurses in our ranks who desire to “scuttle” in the face of danger, by all means allow them to do so—but they would be wise to leave their more courageous sisters to prepare for a danger which they do not intend to share, without drawing attention to their own evident disinclination to do so.

S. G.

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