

struck one of our correspondents, who writes: "I have been waiting to see what would happen to the Association, but it seems to be getting its own way everywhere, and if by hurrying up I can save half-a-guinea, I am going to send in my application for registration, and advise my friends to do likewise."

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ONLY one thing was needed, says the *British Medical Journal*, to complete the transformation of Nursing from "Gampism" into a "profession"—namely, a degree. This is now to be placed within the reach of ladies who are fortunate enough to live within the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Legislature. A bill has been introduced providing "that any training school, organized or to be organized under the Act to which this is a supplement, or under any supplement thereto, may confer the degree of medical and surgical Nurse upon any of its graduates, under such rules and regulations as such training school may prescribe."

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I am not surprised to hear that Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY, who has been giving a series of "Homely Talks" on Sick Nursing in Berwickshire, under the auspices of the National Health Society for the County Council, has met everywhere with such uniform success that the fact is worth recording, shewing, as it does, the growing desire on the part of the people for knowledge on subjects which affect their well being so materially. Writing from Lander, Miss KENEALY says, "I am having splendid meetings, and had no idea, until I came here, that Scotch people could be so enthusiastic. My audiences frequently number 200, and no one is admitted unless they have taken a ticket for the course, under payment of threepence. Most of them come with note-books. On the last night of my course at Earlston, an audience of 200 refused to go away until I had made two speeches, and then they called for three cheers, so that I am getting a repetition of Cambridge enthusiasm." Miss KENEALY has also been engaged in writing a most useful little book entitled, "Care of the Sick," which is being published by the National Health Society, and will shortly be on sale at their Offices, 53, Berners Street.

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I AM told that a Course of Six Lectures will commence on April 21st at the Committee Room of this very useful Society, on Domestic and Personal Hygiene, by A. J. SCHOFIELD, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond. The syllabus includes the following subjects:—

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THERE is a delightful critique of Burdett's Hospital Annual in the *British Medical Journal*. The following extracts show that we are not by any means singular in our criticisms of Mr. BURDETT's exhibitions of grammar and good taste:—

"The very first words of the book speak of 'the action of a few disaffected persons having axes to grind who used the Lords' Committee as a vehicle to convey to the public unworthy assertions against some of the best managed and administered of the voluntary Hospitals,' and he goes on to speak of the charges brought against the Nursing arrangements of the London Hospital, charges which we are most happy to think were not substantiated, and sums up the case by saying: 'We know that these charges are as baseless on all material points as their original origin (*sic*) was undoubtedly malicious.' He also alludes mysteriously to 'the institution with which the originators of the scandal were at one time connected,' and ends by expressing, or rather repeating from last year's 'Annual,' the hope that these persons will find that 'retribution dogs their footsteps, that their unworthiness will be made manifest to their countrymen, and that they will secure the reprobation which they have so justly earned.' Well, all that we can say about this matter is that, for anything we know, private malice might have had something or nothing to do with the charges, but the only persons whom we knew as supporting them did so in perfect good faith, however mistakenly; and we put it to Mr. Burdett whether it would not be better to fight his enemies in the open with names plainly stated, and charges formulated and supported by evidence, omitting matters so personal as these from the pages of an 'annual.' In his remaining observations on the report of the Lords' Committee, Mr. Burdett (p. xl.) records his opinion that 'a central board representing all the charities might do material service in many directions,' though he disapproves the constitution suggested in the report as being 'too little representative of the interests concerned,' an opinion which seems singular when we reflect that the board, under the Lords' plan, was constituted almost exclusively of representatives elected by the Institutions forming it, while under the plan suggested by Mr. Burdett (or the sub-committee of which he was a member) it would have been dominated by the councils of the Sunday and Saturday Funds."

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THEN the reviewer proceeds to make fun of the syntax and common-sense of the following little tit-bit:—

"The true solution of the grave difficulties at present surrounding the distribution of free medical relief in this country will never disappear (*sic*) unless or until the Hospital authorities determine that every medical officer, whatever his position, attached to a Hospital or Medical Institution, shall be paid for his services' (p. cliv.). How such a regulation could possibly be made, or how it would affect the matter we cannot imagine. The medical officers at many, if not at most Hospitals, are

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