

for permission to omit the word "Limited," was refused without a hearing. These facts are so generally known and understood, that not only members of the Association, but also some twelve hundred medical men in all parts of the kingdom, have cordially supported the Petition for a Charter, as a simple measure of justice to Nurses, who they consider are quite as deserving as any other class of Her Majesty's subjects to obtain the legal privileges of incorporation for their Association.

I RECENTLY quoted Dr. CHEADLE as one of these advocates for the Charter, and as I am told that I did so in error, I hasten to confess my mistake, and to express my regret for it.

Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT seems bent upon surpassing himself, but—if I may be excused the joke—he cannot beat the RECORD. The *Hospital Mirror*—reflecting on all sides the photograph of its Editor—is making great efforts to give its readers at last some of the nursing news for which they have hitherto had to read our columns. And if its efforts continue to have such inaccurate results, it would be well for those who desire to peruse facts and not fiction, to remain with us. Last week our comic contemporary gave its readers, for the first time, some particulars concerning the forthcoming Nursing Congress at Chicago—the possible occurrence of which was foreshadowed, in these columns, in October, and the details described some two months ago. We understand that most, if not all, the Nursing papers promised to the Congress have been already written. Yet at the eleventh hour it is not too late, as Mr. BURDETT has once more proved. He has announced some information which we gave weeks ago, as though it were "news" now, and then, as I have said, tried to surpass himself. With characteristic assurance he first pronounces the quite unnecessary opinion that "it is mete (*sic*) that the Congress should be organized by, and that the supreme control should be vested in, United States citizens"—(as if an American exhibition in America would be organized and controlled by any other nation! What curious people the Editor of the *Hospital* must imagine his readers to be). And he concludes by stating that "we shall be glad to answer any inquiries on the subject, and to hear from any one who is anxious to contribute a paper, or to take an active part in the proceedings of the International Nursing Congress."

It is quite needless for me to say that the American medical men and Nurses who are organizing this

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Congress have, probably, far too much professional feeling and knowledge to authorise an official of the Stock Exchange in London, to take any part in this professional matter. And I presume that no one on this side of the Atlantic will condescend to pay the slightest attention to the extraordinary announcement. It is well known that all matters connected with the British departments of the Chicago Exhibition have been entrusted to a Royal Commission appointed by Her Majesty's Government, and that the management of every separate section has been handed over by the Commission to distinguished ladies and gentlemen whom it has selected for the work. Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK has thus been very wisely placed in charge of the Nursing department, and, of course, therefore, all official arrangements in reference to that department, will be made by that well-known lady.

THE anti-crinoline war wages furiously as is evidenced by the following letter from a very popular writer:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MORNING POST."
SIR,—There is very little doubt that the unsightly and dangerous crinoline is rapidly coming into fashion, in spite of the horror with which women of all classes in the United Kingdom regard it. It is hard enough that women should not have the making of fashions, and the power to say what they will wear; but it is a well-known fact that these things are ordered by a small clique of men. It is, however, within the power of all women to determine what they will not wear, and for the furtherance of this object I am forming a League, which will, if it is made sufficiently public, entirely put down the adoption of the crinoline. Without a single exception every woman to whom I have spoken on this subject is strongly in favour of the movement I suggest.

May I ask you to give space in your columns for this letter, by which means I feel sure that thousands of sensible women will be led to join "The No Crinoline League." Membership will involve no expense or trouble beyond that of sending me a letter or a post card—the latter preferred—bearing the writer's name and address and the following promise:—"I hereby pledge myself to do all in my power to prevent the wearing of crinolines." The cards or letters should be addressed to "John Strange Winter," Spring House, Merton. I propose to publish a list of the names and addresses.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN STRANGE WINTER

(Henrietta E. V. Stannard).

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I AM told that on January 23rd, Miss DE PLEDGE will commence a Course of Six Lectures on Sick Nursing in connection with the National Health Society, at 27, Crescent Road, St. John's, S.E., by the kind permission of Mrs. SANDEMAN. Information on this subject, coming from such a competent authority as the Matron of Chelsea Infirmary, must prove of the greatest interest and use to all who follow the course intelligently.

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