

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I am very sorry that you made no mention in your account of the Charter Dinner of a fact you perhaps did not know of. A number of Hospital Matrons, when they heard that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK was going to reply to the toast of the Association, subscribed to purchase a beautiful bouquet, and just before we all went in to dinner this was presented as a great surprise by Miss ISLA STEWART, with a few graceful words. Mrs. FENWICK was evidently very much touched, and the flowers matched her dress to perfection."

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It is matter of regret that the All Saints' Sisterhood is going to give up Nursing the Metropolitan Hospital, as, under their acting Matron, Miss MARGARET BREAV, the work has been carried out with singular devotion and success. The Sisters of St. Peter's, Kilburn, will undertake the responsibility of the Nursing department of the Institution in the autumn.

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MISS EMILY A. JONES has been appointed Assistant Matron to the Homerton Fever Hospital. Her record stands as follows in our Nursing Directory:—"JONES, EMILY A., Chelsea Infirmary, Cale Street, S.W.—Registered Nurse, 1890; Certificate, St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Probationer and Nurse), 1884-87, and (Private Nurse) 1888-90; National Hospital, Queen Square (Nurse) 1887-88; Certificate, Queen Charlotte's Hospital (Pupil) 1888; Whitechapel Infirmary (Night Superintendent), 1890-91; Chelsea Infirmary (Night Superintendent), 1892-93; Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association; Inventor of Special Antiseptic Cushions for the Sick." What can be more clear and concise, for public perusal, than such an entry? Why should autocratic dukes and doctors of divinity attempt to prevent such useful information being given to the public? Thoroughly qualified Nurses have a right to ask this question, and to demand an answer.

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A PLUCKY little friend of mine at the London Hospital sends me a short account of the last act of tyranny, which many of the Nurses *silently* resent. They were collected together in the theatre and lectured on the iniquity of the R.B.N.A.; they were then each presented with a copy of the manifesto which lately appeared in the *Times*, but *not* with a copy of the crushing reply; and, as she astutely remarks, "If the manifesto was true, and the Charter conferred no privileges on Nurses who became members of the Association, why this

pitiable terror on the part of the authorities here? One thing we have got into our brains, quite distinctly, is the fact that the Matron made £1,700 out of us last year—largely supported by those members of the medical staff who have taken such an active part in attempting to prevent the registration of trained Nurses. The truth is that the medical men here are as much to blame as the Matron, as they permit Probationers to be sent to private houses to nurse their patients, which I consider a great breach of faith. I have fully made up my mind that I will not go out to nurse private cases during my term of training, *and I don't fancy I shall be sent.*" I advised my friend to read the excellent article which appeared in the *Lancet* of the 8th inst., on the subject of the document which the authorities of the London Hospital has thrust upon its Nursing staff.

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I HEAR there has been trouble at the Mill Hill Infirmary at Liverpool, and I am not surprised. Miss WALKER, who has lately been appointed Matron to that Institution, acted, I believe, for six years as assistant to Miss LUCKES at the London. She must recognize, once and for all, that the Local Government Board permits of no "Nursing despotism" as that to which she has been accustomed. I congratulate Miss CALDERWOOD, a lady guardian, upon the spirited manner in which she has tackled the first attempt to introduce this system. It appears, from an account in a Liverpool contemporary, that on May 23 Miss JOHNSON called at the Nurses' Home attached to the Mill-road Infirmary, with the kindly purpose of leaving some books for the use of the Nurses. She left the books in the sitting-room. The presence of the lady in the Home seems, under the circumstances, to have been resented as an intrusion, and a complaint was made to the committee, who, apparently without knowing the precise circumstances under which the visit was made, disapproved of the Home being visited in what they regarded as an irregular way. However disposed Miss JOHNSON may have been to remain silent under this unexpected and undeserved rebuff, Miss CALDERWOOD, the other lady guardian, was in no such submissive mood, and she brought the matter forward again, not only with the object of having the incident of May 23 properly explained, but of asserting the right of guardians to visit the Institutions under their charge at such times and under such conditions as would conduce to the visits being effectual. It was one of the chief arguments in favour of the appointment of lady guardians that inspection of those parts of a work-

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