

toria House, the state house of the British Royal Commission a few weeks ago, which was largely attended, and an immense success.

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MISS MARGARET BREAY, Acting Matron of the Metropolitan Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the Zanzibar Hospital, and leaves shortly for Africa; Miss BREAY will be sincerely missed from her present post, and will doubtless prove equally devoted to her new duties, as she has always been in all work she undertakes. I find her qualifications in the *Nursing Directory* for 1893, as follows:—“BREAY, MARGARET, Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N., Registered Nurse, 1890; Cert., St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Pro. and Staff Nurse), 1885—88; St. John's House, Metropolitan Hosp. (Sister), 1889, and Maternity Home (Pupil and Supdt.), 1889—91; Diploma, Lond. Obstet. Soc., 1890; Metropolitan Hosp. (Acting Matron), 1891—93; Memb. (and Memb. Gen. Counc.) Roy. Brit. Nurses' Assoc.

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MISS ELEANOR G. WALDRON has been appointed Matron of the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital. I see by the *Nursing Directory* that Miss WALDRON was trained and certificated at the Leicester Infirmary, 1883 to 1886, and that she then became in turn a Staff Nurse and Sister, having had the charge of the most important surgical wards at the Leicester Infirmary for more than six years. On leaving the Infirmary she was presented with an old oak tea-table and a travelling clock. Miss WALDRON is a registered Nurse and a member of the Royal Chartered Corporation.

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MISS HELEN E. COURT has been appointed Matron of the Central London Throat Hospital. That most interesting volume, the *Nursing Directory*, states that Miss COURT was a Probationer and obtained a certificate at The Hospital for Women, Soho Square; then a Probationer for a year at Guy's Hospital; then a Nurse at Charing Cross Hospital, and, finally, for the last four years, a Sister at the Leicester Infirmary. Miss COURT is a registered Nurse and a member of the Royal Chartered Corporation.

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By the way, it is very noticeable the important place which the Leicester Infirmary has taken amongst the Nurse Training Schools in this country. It is a great feather in the cap of any school to have two of its Sisters appointed to important Matronships in one week, and speaks volumes for the high reputation of such a Hospital. I venture to congratulate Miss ROGERS, the Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Infirmary, upon the success of her school, because it is generally admitted that it is largely due to her efforts that this result has been achieved.

S. G.

“The Truth about the London Hospital.”

THE correspondence still continues on this subject in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and has aroused a great deal of public interest. It is much to be regretted that the defenders of the Hospital should feel themselves compelled to use such abusive language—“vile accusations,” “base lies,” and so forth, are not at all convincing proofs of anything, except of a want of rebutting evidence. We always give both sides of a case in this Journal, and do not follow the bad example of a contemporary, which keeps its readers in the dark concerning the views expressed by those to whom it is opposed.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Having seen in the *Pall Mall Gazette* much abuse of the London Hospital, may I be allowed to bear testimony to its many merits. For the last eight years—when in London—I have gone as often as I could—once a week—to read to the blind patients in the Ophthalmic ward, and I have invariably found everything unexceptionable for the comfort and cleanliness of my poor blind friends—the Nurse most attentive to all their wants. I have also often gone into the other wards, and there I have noticed the wonderful care and cleanliness bestowed on the patients, and the cheerfulness and contentment of the Nurses. In fact the only painful thought which has occurred to me was “How sad it will be for these poor people when they have to leave their comforts and return to their miserable homes.”—Sir, I am, yours obediently,

DOROTHY NEVILL.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—There is one truth about the London Hospital—and very honourable to it—which does not seem to be noticed in the various interesting letters about it in your columns. This hospital is nobly free from the spirit of sectarian exclusiveness which characterizes many similar institutions both in London and the provinces, where both “sisters” and nurses, unless they happen to belong to “the Established Church,” are apt to be made painfully conscious of that fact, by their treatment. And inasmuch as hospitals generally are supported by subscribers of all denominations, such exclusiveness is as unjust as it is unchristian. But no such bigotry reigns at the London Hospital.

Doubtless the overworking of some Nurses is a

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