

assembled in the Banqueting Hall, where short addresses were delivered. Dancing began in the Banqueting and Council Halls at nine, and in the Burgh Hall at the same time a concert programme was entered upon. The dance music was supplied by Herr Iff's band, while the police band, under the direction of Mr. JARVIS, discoursed popular music in the lower corridor. At the meeting in the Banqueting Hall Lord Provost BELL presided. In an address of welcome to the guests, he referred to the unsatisfactory financial position of the Royal and Western Infirmaries. Some people thought these Institutions would require to go on the rates, and become municipalised, like many other things; but he hoped that day would never come. (Hear, hear.) Such a proceeding would dry up the springs of benevolence, of which they were all so proud in Glasgow. They could not stop at municipalising the Infirmaries, but must also place all the other medical institutions on the rates, and that would mean a greater rate than any charged at present. He had still faith that the Glasgow public would come forward and give a large measure of support to the medical institutions, which so thoroughly deserved it. His lordship concluded by expressing the hope that his guests would spend an enjoyable evening. The Rev. Dr. DONALD MACLEOD made a humorous speech, in which he suggested that the LORD PROVOST should invite the clergy of all denominations to his next conversation. He thought it would be a most edifying and improving spectacle, and pictured Dr. Marshall Lang heeling it round with Archbishop Eyre, or his good friend and cousin of Govan in front of Mr. Howie; while Professor Story went up and down and embraced Dr. Hutton and Principal Rainy. Imagine the horror of the "Auld Lights"!

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MONTH by month the feeling amongst American Nurses becomes stronger on the subject of professional association, and it happily finds expression in our valued contemporary *The Trained Nurse*, as the following letters will show. A Nurse signing herself "Charity" writes as follows:—

"Dear Editor,—It is to be hoped that the Associations of Training School Superintendents called to meet in N. Y. recently will result in bringing about more cordial relations between the Superintendents and through them of their pupils for the ill-feeling that too often exists between the graduates and pupils of different schools, is unwarranted and not a condition beautiful to behold. It is not hard to understand the ill-feeling which usually exists between graduates of the Allopathic and Homœopathic Schools of Medicine, but it is beyond all comprehension why Nurses trained in Allopathic Hospitals of even equal size and advantages should entertain such feelings of rivalry and antagonism for one another. It would seem that Training School Superintendents are largely responsible for the lack of sympathy and good fellowship between Nurses. Each Superintendent mounts

herself and all her pupils upon a pedestal of vain glory and fancied superiority, and looks down with scorn and pity upon all others of their profession. From the time a Nurse enters a Training School she too often hears the methods and disadvantages of other schools discussed in a derogatory manner by the Superintendent and Head Nurses until, by the time her own training is finished, she really believes she is a very superior young woman in every way, and as nearly perfect as may be. Consequently, when later on at some bedside she is thrown in contact with graduates from a different school, she immediately assumes a frigid air of superiority and crawls into her shell, so to speak, then wonders why the wheels of their daily routine seem to need oiling so often. If a young woman is fortunate enough to have secured her training in a Hospital of say 500 beds, with rare training in obstetrical and contagious cases, she is to be congratulated certainly, but does it entitle her to look down with scorn upon her less fortunate sister who has been trained in a Hospital of but 100 beds, with only a limited course in obstetrical and contagious Nursing? Pride in one's *Alma Mater* is very just and proper in a Nurse, but not when it is carried to the extent of making her so conceited and narrow-minded that she thinks she only is well trained and all others but poorly so. In smaller Hospitals the standard may be as high, the work as thoroughly and conscientiously done, as in the larger ones, and the graduates will, in their chosen fields, reflect quite as much credit upon their *Alma Mater* and profession. For, after all, have we not all seen that to some of the material admitted into our largest schools, any unusual advantages offered is nothing more nor less than "casting pearls before swine?" It is not the number of hospital beds, nor the number of lectures attended, that make the well-trained Nurse, but fitness, intelligence, and conscientious work that does. Any movement that will tend to do away with this ill-feeling is a step in the right direction, and will be welcomed by all Nurses of broad and liberal minds; but it is to the Superintendents of Training Schools we must look for the reformation chiefly. Yea, "from every hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness good Lord deliver us."

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CONCERNING a National Association of American Nurses, Miss P. G. SMITH writes:—

"Dear Editor,—Every Nurse should be ashamed that ignorant, inexperienced women are being admitted into our ranks, and upon an equal footing. The study-at-home-woman is at liberty to call herself a trained Nurse, and, in that guise impose upon the public. If the people who make this condition of things possible were the ones upon whom they were to practice their theories we might be satisfied along with the undertakers. Who is to blame for this state of affairs? Hospital Managers, Superintendents and every trained Nurse. The first two classes could do much toward crushing out these fraudulent concerns, whose members are seeking to enter an honest profession by dishonest means, but there is not the least indication that they will move in the matter. What do they care for their graduates, and what have they ever done for the protection of their labor? Just here comes in the question of a National Association. Can any one fail to see the benefit in such a society? Would it not be a feasible plan to select by vote a competent committee to draft a platform broad enough to give standing room to all graduate Nurses, then drop petty jealousies and school quarrels and proceed to join the Association? We should act as reasonable beings and be united in good work. It may be indifference which keeps this matter of organization in the background, it may be press of work, but of one thing we are certain, it does not indicate good foresight to let this matter drop. Let us have harmony if only for its novelty. Be loyal to your school, but do not be so silly as to refuse to join because it takes in all schools. Narrow-minded women are fortunately going out of date. The Editor of this Journal has done her duty in this matter; now let others lend a hand."

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