

their work, but that such workers must be registered as "Obstetric Nurses," not as Practitioners of Midwifery.

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WE are much in sympathy with the aims of the new Association about to be started to protect the qualified Masseuse, and also the public from "quacks" (and worse) presumably practising massage, and we hope that those medical men that use the method will give their support and influence to the Association, as without it no such organization will command the confidence of the public.

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CHRISTMAS DAY, as usual, was one of unusual brightness and comparative happiness in our Hospitals, and although in the best managed noisy demonstrations of visitors have been firmly discouraged, everything was done in a quiet and kindly manner to make the inmates as happy and comfortable as possible. We took tea in a ward bright with lovely flowers, and provided with every wholesome luxury — where each patient was sufficiently convalescent to enjoy cheery good wishes, seasonable gifts, and Christmas cheer.

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A VERY happy day was spent by those Nurses lucky enough to be on Holiday, at the Home of Rest at Brighton, where many of those who have learnt to feel at home there, met again to celebrate the festival. One and all rejoiced to have the much beloved Matron at the head of the table again, after a long and serious illness. One dear friend of the Home, who never forgot to send substantial proof of her goodwill—fruit, wine, and other gifts—has passed away during the year, and has been very sincerely mourned.

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IT will be seen, by our Correspondence this week, that "Kelva," in a recent Scotch Letter, touched a sore spot in nursing politics north of the Tweed. have expressed it many a time. Trained Nurses We have but one opinion on the subject, and we should have a definite standard of education, and obtain legal status; they should then work strictly under and through professional agencies only. "Kelva" objected to Edinburgh methods. Here, in London, matters are infinitely worse—what with unprofessional Nurse-farms (incubators of inefficiency), so-called Nursing Homes, conducted by persons who have no trained experience, and which are merely expensive and most uncomfortable Boarding-houses, where the very elements of hygiene and scientific nursing are ignored. We hope the time is at hand when medical men will shun these quack "nurseries" with the instinctive and praiseworthy conscientiousness which they bring to bear upon the competing medical charlatan,

"Kelva" also touched upon a significant matter when she referred to the fact that the medical women in Edinburgh do not even have a *trained* Nurse at their own Dispensary Hospital for Women. It is true, though hardly creditable to the women doctors of London, that not one of them has come forward to help trained Nurses to protect the public from the untrained Nurse, and raise the standard of their education and efficiency, by becoming members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. This is a slur upon them as a body that we hope may be rectified before the close of 1895.

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MISS J. E. HUGHES has resigned her post of Lady Superintendent to the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals in Dublin, and has been the recipient of many parting gifts. Dr. GORDON presented her with a handsome gilt travelling clock; the past and present resident Pupils with a silver gilt lamp; and the Nursing Staff, who greatly regret her departure, with a lovely silver tea service, and the following touching address:—

DEAR MISS HUGHES,—It was with regret we heard that you had resigned your post here of Lady Superintendent, and we desire to express the feeling of sorrow shared by every Nurse in the Hospitals. You will not take it as flattery that the great wish of each of us is that you will take away with you our heartfelt gratitude for the kindness, sympathy and love you have always shown us while you were with us. There is no position a lady can occupy more responsible, or where she can do more good, than that of Superintendent of Nurses. She is entrusted with the charge of many young women whose character in many cases is still unformed. They have left the loving care of mothers, whose place she must take to train them, not merely in their work, but in forming that high and pure character of which every Nurse should be possessed. We are sure it is the experience of every Nurse that the greatest incentive to do right is the confidence and love of their Lady Superintendent, encouraging those to persevere who at first may be disheartened in their work, recognising merit where it exists, and in a kindly manner pointing out faults and teaching the better way. This we know you have done, and still preserved the dignity of your position, and we shall always think of you with the feeling that "kind hearts are more than coronets." Those of us who know something of your inner life, know you are working for the Master in whose keeping you are safe. Will you please accept our trifling gift, and we have no doubt you will value it for our sake. Wishing you, dear MISS HUGHES, every success, and asking God to greatly bless you, is the prayer of the Sisters and Nurses.

Your affectionate friends,

Sister WEST.	Nurse HENRY.	Nurse SHORT.
" SNEYD.	" KANE.	" MULLANY.
" RYDER.	" O'FLANAGAN.	" LITTLE
" POTTERTON.	" BRATEN.	" LYNHAN.
" MULLALLY.	" MAGILL.	" GLENN.
" GANNON.	" McLOUGHLIN.	" McNAMARA.
" DUNNE.	" FORD.	" WALKER.
Nurse POTTERTON.	" LEE.	" DUFFEY.
" McCOTTER.	" CAMPBELL.	" ELLIOTT.
" GUBBINS.	" O'GORMAN.	" McCLEAN.
" HALLAM.	" GLEESON.	" JACKSON.
" SIMPSON.	" MOORE.	" WESTBY.

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