

and Children's, Hospitals, Infirmaries, and Private and District Nurses, are being organized, of which further particulars will shortly be published.

The attention of all Members is again most earnestly called to the case of Miss Van der Ben, who must have at least 1,000 fresh votes secured on her behalf if she is to be successful at the November election for the Home for Incurables. Cards for circulation amongst subscribers can be obtained from the Office, 17, Old Cavendish Street.

It is a great pleasure to announce the success already attending the provision of light refreshments for Members in their Club-room at the Offices—those who have once enjoyed tea in this comfortable club usually returning again and again for the same purpose. A kind present of particularly pretty egg-cups has been received this week from a Friend of the Association, and should any member or friend wish to contribute further to the attractions of the Club-room itself, may I suggest that a mirror has not yet been added to the wall, though many members anxiously inquire how soon so essential an accessory to a woman's room is likely to appear!

Miss Galvey has recently been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Kent Nursing Institution, Tunbridge Wells, and carries the good wishes of her many friends with her to her new work.

A hard-working District Nurse would be glad to take a few months' rest if she could meanwhile take charge of a delicate or crippled child, or be provided with a supply of needlework, in which she excels, and which she would execute at moderate charges. The Secretary, 17, Old Cavendish Street, will be happy to furnish further particulars.

ALICE RAVENHILL,
Secretary of the Corporation.

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"A MEMBER of the Royal British Nurses' Association" writes:—"Dear Editor,—I do not think your Report of the Annual Meeting at Windsor half enthusiastic enough. *It was the most beautiful harmonious day*; the memory of it will be to me a delight as long as I live. The forethought of our kind President, by whose influence Her Gracious Majesty the QUEEN had granted us so many privileges; the delight of meeting personally so many of the leaders of our profession, who through their energy and public spirit have created this great Association—have left an impression on my mind incapable of description. I am deeply grateful and proud to belong to a body of women whose leaders have wrested the

high honour of incorporation by Royal Charter for us, in the teeth of so much and such influential opposition. Proud as we are of our beloved President—I feel sure she is also proud of us—may we, one and all, by *devotion to duty*, continue to deserve her interest.

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I also feel deeply concerning this last Annual Meeting that it is a red letter day in our career. Personally, I should have rejoiced if it could have lasted a week—one fleeting day being far too short in which to enjoy all the beauty and historical interest of magnificent Windsor. But we have doubtless all carried away some great lesson, through that sweet fleeting day. What of the assured success of past hopes, the wonderful loving co-operation of many hundreds of unknown women, all inspired by the same great aim—the *perfection of the Nursing of the sick*—that is a grand ambition. The love and gratitude of our revered President; the recognition by the less-experienced of the *labour* of the leaders, who have gladly given time, thought, health, in the organisation of what is so far *the most successful organisation of professional women in the world!* Yes, there is little doubt that the simple womanly words of our beloved President in welcoming us to 'my own home' will for ever 'remain a pleasant memory to us.'

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We doubt not that many share the feelings of our correspondent. The thoughts of those who enjoyed the privilege of entering that hallowed spot where the remains of ALBERT THE GOOD lie sleeping, and where to his right the exquisite marble effigy of the beloved Princess ALICE is portrayed, must have reverted to the history, sketched in her own letters to the QUEEN, annotated by our President. If there are any members of our Association who have never read the biographical sketch and letters of ALICE, Grand Duchess of Hesse, which appeared ten years ago, they should procure the book and read this most pathetic record of a most noble woman.

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We keep it close at hand on our "noble women" shelf, and never open its leaves but to learn some lesson, sorely needed in these latter days, of reverence to parents, devotion to duty, maternal love, silent heroism, and the value of history. The book is composed of extracts from the letters of Princess ALICE to the QUEEN, annotated by Princess CHRISTIAN; and we read how in 1866, nearly a quarter of a century ago, Princess ALICE was trying to organize a reserve of Nurses for use in time of war—if not on the same lines, yet for the same object, which it is now the aim of her sister, Princess CHRISTIAN, to carry out in this country. Writing to the QUEEN, Princess ALICE says:—

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