

not believe in it; and that on no account must she teach the method of making beef-tea, because he was a vegetarian. She also alluded to the insatiable desire on the part of the public to get free prescriptions from the Nurse-teacher.

Miss Bradly, Secretary of the Women Lecturers' Association, gave some account of the working of her Society, and said that their aim was to supply competent lecturers, more especially in science, art, and history, and she agreed with Miss Kenealy that a high standard of training and efficiency should be aimed at.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said that organisation and co-operation among women represented the regeneration of the world. She believed that all improvements in the future and all advantages accruing to women must be won, not by the individual, but by the union of individuals. They must organise and be true to one another, and remember that the interest of one represented the interest of all.

Dr. Gage-Brown made some graceful allusions to the eloquence shown by the women-speakers, and read a quotation from a speech of Mr. Gladstone in which he said that if the women went on the lines they were now pursuing, they would be infinitely superior in public speaking to men.

The audience, among whom were Lady Priestley, Miss Ridley, Dr. Fenwick, and many other well-known members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, separated, agreeing that the meeting had been a very pleasant one.

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We have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the new departure sanctioned by the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association. At the Quarterly Meeting on the 19th inst., power was given to the Executive Committee to publish a Directory of Chartered Nurses. This is the most forward and important

step taken by the Association for some time, and cannot fail to give universal satisfaction amongst the members of the Association—taking into consideration the attempt which is being made to undermine the three years' standard of training, and the work already accomplished by the Association, by the issue, by Mr. H. C. Burdett, of a so-called Official Directory of Nurses, for admission to which no definite term of train-

ing is necessary. There is reason to believe that the dangers to which the public may be exposed by such mischievous interference with the professional status of Trained Nurses is becoming better understood as the manifest disadvantages to everyone concerned of the proposed list is realised.

We hear that there are some excellent candidates for the position of Lady Superintendent to the Nurses' Co-operation—a little bird whispers "that the appointment is a gone conclusion." We hope, however, for the continued success of the Society, that the most capable candidate will be selected—it is not the invariable rule.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Welsh Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses shows an encouraging amount of work done, and records a great increase in progress from year to year. In 1892, while only 666 patients were nursed, the number in 1894 has reached the total of 931. The institution is entirely unsectarian, and the Nurses are strictly enjoined not to interfere in any way with the religious views of their patients. So that even with such a burning question in the air as Welsh Disestablishment, the patient can feel secure that no controversy on the subject can arise to disturb the calm of the sick room.

The institution of the wearing of a bunch of primroses on a certain day of the year in memory of a great statesman and a fine character, would seem to be sufficiently harmless as to cause no friction or ill-feeling. But some complaints have reached us from two provincial Hospitals which show that this pretty little custom has been made a pretext for the exhibition of small political partisanship and petty tyranny.

A staff-Nurse, who has long been a member of the Primrose League, and who has never before been interfered with in her desire to pin the colours of her faith on her apron, writes that on going into her ward on Primrose morning with a small bunch of the modest little wood-flowers at her throat, the new ward-Sister, whose views are known to be tinged somewhat with Liberalism, objected, and used her authority in demanding that the outward and visible sign of a leaning towards Conservatism should be instantly removed. The staff-Nurse, with a broader mind than her superior officer, assented, and the cause of complaint was regretfully transferred to a small patient in an adjoining ward where liberty of choice was allowed. But, the Nurse

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