

vice-patrons, while the German Empress and the Empress Frederick have on more than one occasion engaged Nurses from the Institution, and sent women to be specially trained there.

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WE are glad to observe that, in advertising for two Certificated Midwives, Queen Charlotte's Hospital requires that those officers shall also be Hospital-trained Nurses. This, we feel sure, is a most wise standard of efficiency to demand.

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WE desire to draw the attention of our readers to an advertisement in our Supplement, in which it is stated that a Matron will be required on the 1st of July next for the Kimberley Hospital, in South Africa, the Community of All Saints having, for various excellent reasons, given up the Nursing of the Hospital from the date mentioned.

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Doubtless, the regret at losing the services of Sister HENRIETTA as Matron of the Hospital will be widely felt and sincere, and we can but express a hope that the woman who is appointed to succeed her will bring to her work the same unselfish devotion, both to the cause of nursing the sick and to the welfare of the Nursing profession, as her illustrious predecessor; and we may also express a hope that help and sympathy may be extended to the new Matron by those responsible for the efficiency of the Nursing department, so that the great difficulties which are inevitable in organising such a department in the Cape Colony may be minimised as far as possible.

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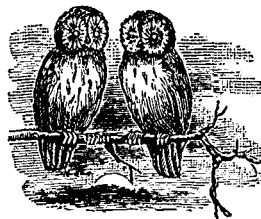
WE regret to say, in reference to our Editorial of this week on "The Sanctity of Contract," that several cases of gross breach of contract, involving the most dishonourable conduct on the part of Nurses—conduct which is a disgrace to their profession—have of late been brought under our personal observation, and we feel, for the sake of the honour of the whole calling, that these isolated cases of dishonourable conduct should be exposed and condemned. We intend, therefore, to refer to this matter again in an early issue.

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WE feel we owe many of our kind contributors an apology that letters and notes of interest have remained unnoticed in our columns; but we must plead at present the disadvantage of limited space, which we hope may be remedied in the near future.

THE GRAFTON GALLERIES, Grafton Street, W., are admirably suited for Hospital Banquets, Receptions, Parties, Conversations, &c. The Hall is hung with the famous pictures of the Dilettanti Society, and can hold 200 Guests and the Galleries from 500 upwards. For particulars apply to the Secretary, 8, Grafton Street. The Catering is under the sole direction of V. BENOIST, 36, Piccadilly, W.

Matrons in Council.



A Meeting of the Matrons Council took place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 17th, at the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Owing to the indisposition of Miss Isla Stewart, the Chairman of the Society, the Chair was taken by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Vice

Chairman. A report was received from the Executive Committee, which, after some discussion, was adopted.

Arrangements have been made to hold the next Conference on Thursday, April 18th, when Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Evatt will read a Paper on "The Organization of Medical Aid to the Wounded in Modern War."

The following new members were then elected:—Miss Mollett, Matron, Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton; Miss Wesley, Matron, The Infirmary, St. George's-in-the-East; Miss Edith Mellor, Matron, District and Cottage Hospital, Wellington, Somerset; Miss Marian Power, Sister-in-Charge, The Infirmary, Royal Naval School, Greenwich.

The Bye-Laws were then discussed and amended. A new Bye-Law as follows was proposed by Miss Hogg, and seconded by Miss Robertson: "That the honour of membership be conferred upon distinguished British, Colonial, and Foreign Nurses, by the Council at their discretion"; and the names of seven distinguished Nurses were proposed and unanimously agreed to. A copy of the revised Bye-Laws will be forwarded to each Member as soon as printed.

Names of Members to form the Advisory Committee were proposed, subject to their consent to act, representing the following branches of Nursing: The Navy, The Army, General Hospitals, Poor Law Infirmarys, Metropolitan Asylums Board, Workhouse Nursing, District and Private Nursing.

The Meeting then adjourned.

THE SECOND CONFERENCE.

A Conference, convened by the Matrons' Council, took place at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandos Street, W., when Miss Mollett read a Paper, entitled "The Position of Infirmary Matrons under the Poor Law," and which appears in another column. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick took the Chair, and was supported on the platform by Miss Hogg, Head Sister, Haslar Hospital; Miss Sidney Browne, Superintendent Sister, Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss Violet Clarke; Miss Amy Robertson, and Mrs. Andrews, Hon. Secretary. An animated and most instructive discussion ensued, which will be fully reported next week. About a hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, consisting of Hospital and Infirmary Matrons, Medical men, and Guardians of the Poor. Amongst those present were: The Hon. Maude Stanley, Miss Catherine Wood, Miss Jane Wilson, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Wesley, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Anstey, Miss de Pledge, Miss E. M. Jones, Miss Miriam Ridley, Miss Ross, Miss Butler, Miss Wyld, Miss Frances Hole, Miss Katherine Elphick, Miss Alureda Burges, Miss Larsen, Miss M. E. Power, Sister Lawrence,

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