

an Association both for our own protection and that of the public, but it must be a body representing the generality of good Masseuses (Masseuses having no Massage scandals affecting their moral characters), supported by the medical profession, and under a President and Council of well-known people, connected directly and indirectly with Massage practice, but not necessarily anyone who trains or educates for the profession of Massage. It must also begin in a small cautious way, remembering the Italian proverb "Che va sano va piano," and with a few hard and fast rules to commence with; it is always possible to add others as occasion may require.

(i.) I would therefore suggest that, because as long as one sex masses the other sex there will always be scandals, therefore, we Masseuses must bind ourselves strictly to invariably refuse to masser an adult male patient.

(ii.) If people with a smattering of medical knowledge attempt to treat patients on their own responsibility they are likely to do irreparable harm; therefore we must bind ourselves to work under the supervision of medical men.

(iii.) As not only skilful manipulation, but a certain amount of knowledge of anatomy, physiology and medical electricity is necessary for the intelligent and scientific carrying out of the doctor's wishes, therefore we must bind ourselves to maintain a sufficiently high standard of education; at the same time not imagining that because we know a little therefore we know all.

(iv.) As there appear to be many, who, though skilful in manipulation, are lamentably deficient in good morals, it must be a *sine qua non* that everyone belonging to such an Association must be able to produce a certificate of respectability. I will not trespass further on your space, as there will, I hope, be many who will improve on these suggestions.—I remain, Madam, faithfully yours,

M. EVA ALLINSON.

Rathfern Road, Catford.

THE EXTENSION OF THE BRIDGWATER INFIRMARY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—A Sale of Work is to be held, commencing on Tuesday, April 23rd, 1895, for the purpose of providing funds to furnish the house adjoining the Infirmary, presented by Mr. Francis Thompson and the executors of his late brother.

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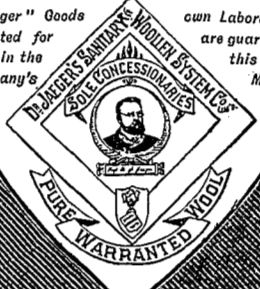
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