A Workhouse Attendants' Association has been formed with H.R.H. Princess Christian as Patron, and the Countess of Meath as President. The Hon. Secretaries are Miss Lee, 20, Bryanston Square, and Miss M. E. Johnson, 5, Upper Park Place, Richmond. This Society has been formed for the purpose of introducing trained Attendants into the wards for the aged and infirm, epileptics, imbeciles and infants in Workhouses. The Countess of Meath has paid for the training of the first six suitable Probationers, and it is hoped that the public will support an Association with so fine an object. Miss Louisa Twining is on the Executive Committee.

The London Homoeopathic Hospital has brought its curriculum up to the most modern requirements of Training Schools for Nurses. And they deal honourably, both with the Nurses and the public by insisting that all their private staff shall have a three years' certificate. And the course of lectures and the training offer an admirable inducement to a good type of Nurse to enter the Homoeopathic Hospital. Lectures are given in the first year on Nursing Ethics, in addition to the professional curriculum, and in the second year lectures are given on Massage, Invalid Cookery, as well as on special Nursing such as Gynæcological and Ophthalmic Nursing. There is also a praiseworthy system of giving bonuses to the Nurses in accordance with the length of their service and the prosperity of the Institute.

The Bombay Mofussil Nursing Association appears to be doing good work, and was started some four years since for the purpose of supplying trained Nurses to attend on sick Europeans residing in up-country stations. Her Excellency Lady Sandhurst has accepted the Presidency of the Association, and the staff includes Nurse Power, of the European General Hospital, Bombay, and Nurse Evans, of Charing Cross Hospital, London.

THE Duchess of Sutherland's scheme for providing district Nursing for her parish has been successfully carried out. The Duchess wished a Nurse-Deaconess of the Church of Scotland to be appointed, but the Free Church section of the community objecting, a compromise was made by both a Deaconess and a cottage Nurse being engaged to work in the combined parishes of Louth and Kildman.

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The Coventry Board of Guardians has yielded to professional and popular protest and has passed a resolution "that a certificated Nurse be appointed," the word "night" being voted out of the resolution. There will be a good many eyes noting whether the Nurse is put on night duty, or if the patients are to continue under the ministrations of pauper inmates. Mr. Poole proposed that "a competent person be engaged to act as night attendant, because she would cost only £20 a year, while a qualified scientific Nurse would not soil her fingers and would cost £100 a year."

If Mr. Poole were to walk through Hospital wards in the early mornings and at many other times, he would see numbers of scientific Nurses "soiling their fingers" and doing extremely hard work.

MRS. RILEY has been re-elected President of the Penrith Women's Nursing Association, a Society doing extremely good work under her able Presidency, in securing teaching among all classes of women of the principles of Nursing and First Aid to the Injured, &c.

Serious allegations have been brought by patients against two Nurses of the Bangor Workhouse Infirmary and the evidence brought before the Board, although not substantiating in all particulars the charges of neglect and "spitefulness" towards the patients, goes quite far enough to point to a re-organisation of the Nursing department. The medical officer, who did not lodge any complaint against the Nurses, when cross-examined, admitted "that a little smartening up all round would do good, as he was not at all satisfied." He stated that "under the present circumstances, the Nurses were watched like Seven Dials thieves."

The Rev. W. Morgan made the most practical suggestion when he said "he thought the time had come when a clear definition of the duties of the Matron and Nurse should be made. Perhaps the best solution would be to appoint a Nurse-Matron." In which we decidedly agree.

MRS. WALTER PYE and Mrs. Richard Crawley, both formerly Lady Pupils at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, have taken over from Miss Minks the Private Nursing Home she conducted at 39 and 41, Royal Avenue, Chelsea. Patients, we are informed, will be received and Nurses sent out to private cases.

THE Sisters and Nurses of the female side of the Greenwich Union Infirmary have presented previous page next page