

more than this is required. The employment of ignorant and callous pauper Nurses in workhouse Hospitals has been condemned over and over again by the Local Government Board, and it is high time the abolition of the system was insisted upon."

In our contemporary, the *Scalpel*, edited by Dr. Dolan, we are glad to find a new departure in the March number. A column is now given up to Nursing Notes, from which we cull the following sensible remarks:—

"There is a considerable amount of excitement at present in the Nursing world. Shall we rehabilitate 'Sairy.' What is the use of anatomy to Nurses? Well may we exclaim, 'do we dream?'"

It is indeed putting back the hand of the clock to have even to discuss such a question. We hardly think it can seriously be maintained that the education of Nurses could be conducted without teaching them elementary anatomy.

The modern Nurse is indispensable, and we speak from considerable experience. The well-trained Nurse, and we have had them from all kinds of Institutions, scrupulously carries out our orders. If she acted on her own initiative and disobeyed our orders she would be sent back to the Home from which she was engaged, and if Matrons at any Home or Institution encouraged their Nurses to disobey our orders, that Home would suffer very much financially. We really do not quite understand some recent criticisms."

"We regret very much to hear of the dissension in the Royal British Nurses' Association. It was born in travail and had a stormy childhood, it was strenuously opposed, and certainly through the exertions of its founders it was steered through its initial difficulties. It owed its success to Royal patronage. A Charter was obtained, and we did hope it would have a long and prosperous future. Disunion will certainly wreck it. On recent events we do not desire to express an opinion, though we may say that it is highly desirable in the interests of the Association that some compromise should be arrived at."

OUR contemporary *The Medical Times* says:—

"A contemporary opened its pages, in January of this year, with an editorial entitled 'The Monstrous Regiment of Nurses.' The writer explains that he uses the word 'regiment' in its literal sense of rulership, as John Knox did in his famous pamphlet, 'The Monstrous Regiment of Women,' and suggests that the time is ripe for some medical reformer to raise his voice against a movement which, he thinks, is likely to become a serious nuisance to the profession, and a not inconsiderable danger to the public. He believes that well-meaning but somewhat unpractical enthusiasts are aiming at making nursing an independent profession, a mistake which will go a long way to undo the good that has been done by the movement for the betterment of Nurses. He considers that the Nurse of the present day is a little too ready to magnify her office; she has learnt many things, but

not a knowledge of her own ignorance, and her little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The writer, therefore, arrives at the conclusion that the present system of training tends to produce not so much Nurses, in the proper sense of the word, as a lower order of medical practitioners, who may be useful, or who may be dangerous. The article in question would carry more weight if it were less obviously personal. The well-trained Hospital Nurse, as a general rule, has been taught her proper sphere, and keeps it. The untrained, or semi-trained, and, in either case, usually conceited Gamp, does not know her place, and therefore very rarely keeps it. But far-sighted medical men have realised that the public demand Nurses, and will have them, and instead of wasting time in hysterical outcries concerning what some Nurses do, and some others do not do, wise men will, by every means in their power, seek to attain two ends: firstly, that Nurses shall have a thoroughly efficient Hospital training and discipline; and, secondly, that they shall, by legislative means, be placed definitely under medical control and direction in their subsequent work."

THE *Nursing World* of the U.S.A. comments smartly and to the point upon what it calls the "narrow-minded effusion" of a certain English medical man, who made a most uncalled-for and unprovoked attack on the modern Nurse in an article in *The Practitioner*. The editor a well-known medical man says: "This writer was told something by someone, and he draws the conclusion that all trained Nurses are engaged in a warfare against the physicians. It is well for Nurses and their friends to know what forces are arrayed against them: therefore we give publicity to the narrow-minded effusion."

DURING 1895, 137 applications were received at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, from women desirous of entering as Probationers; of these five only were admitted to the Nursing staff.

THE Superintendent of an Insane Asylum in reporting on the condition of the Asylum, and the amusements provided for the patients, says: "A golf ground is available but golfers are not to be found among our numbers, and in one sense I hope that this will continue to remain true of the devotees of this healthy game." It is certain that the doctor himself is a golfer. And it is a new idea that the devotees of that game are not subject to the same mental disorders as fall to the common lot. Considering how strongly golf lays hold on people, and the "craze" it has become, we should almost have thought that "much golf might drive people mad."

CARLSBAD—the renowned Spa in Bohemia—was thronged last summer with patients suffering from all kinds of liver and gouty complaints, who have reaped great benefit from taking the celebrated waters; but it is not sufficiently known that persons unable to visit the Spa can obtain the natural Carlsbad Sprudel Salts or Waters at all Chemists, Stores, &c. To distinguish the natural salts from artificial imitations, note the names on wrapper of "LOEBL SCHOTLAENDER, CARLSBAD," and INGRAM & ROYLE, Ltd., Sole Agents, 52, Farringdon Street, E. C.; 9, South John Street, Liverpool; 80, Redcliff Street, Bristol. Pamphlet on application.

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