

## Annotations.

### PROGRESS.

THOSE of our readers who, by their kind interest and co-operation, have helped so much to extend the circulation and influence of the NURSING RECORD, will hear with pleasure that to meet the great increase of business in connection with "the Organ of the Nursing Profession," further rooms have been secured as additional office space, at 11, Adam Street, Strand. These rooms are now being redecorated, and it is hoped that, in the future, subscribers will find a cheerful *pied à terre* at the RECORD office when in the vicinity of the Strand. Arrangements are being made to carry out the suggestion made by the Editor to the Royal British Nurses' Association three years ago, of establishing a Practical Nursing Department, where it is hoped that information on nursing matters and patterns of new nursing appliances will be on view and easily obtainable. A representative Practical Nursing Exhibition Committee is being formed to carry out the scheme, to include, we hope, the majority of those ladies who combined to make the "Nursing Exhibition, London, 1896," such a great success.

### GUY'S HOME NURSING SCHEME.

WE are glad to observe that the authorities of Guy's Hospital have estimated the cost of each nurse at £100 per annum, for their new and excellent scheme for nursing the out-patients, and such in-patients who, though discharged from the wards, still require skilled care and attention. A thoroughly trained and efficient district nurse cannot be adequately maintained for less. Guy's Home Nursing Scheme will be worked through the existing organisation of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and the first nurse it is intended to place in the Home of the St. Olave's District Nursing Association, Bermondsey, which is affiliated to the Jubilee Institute, and it is proposed ultimately, when the funds are forthcoming, to establish a trained nurse in each of the six districts of the densely populated area surrounding Guy's Hospital.

### THE VICTORIA CLUB FOR TRAINED NURSES AND ASSOCIATED WORKERS.

THIS club was opened on Wednesday, February 3rd, at the Hospital Building, Southampton Street, Strand. The subscription for nurses is £1 1s., for other members £2 2s. There is a restaurant in connection with the club where light luncheons and teas can be obtained, and on the opening day the fare seemed excellent, and the tables were temptingly

laid out. The building is new, and has been only recently furnished, so that everything looks fresh and bright, and the rooms have been arranged with a considerable amount of taste. The house contains a drawing room, reading room, writing room (in which silence is observed), cloak room, and lecture room, and it is hoped that if the club succeeds residential quarters may be added in connection with it. A picturesque detail is a black servant, in native costume. This man speaks excellent English, and is most attentive to the requirements of visitors. It is proposed that lectures shall be delivered to post-graduate associate nurses and workers. We have always held the Royal British Nurses' Association to be the proper body to conduct both preliminary and post-graduate courses for nurses, but as it has refused to do this, others, as we foresaw and predicted, have stepped in to meet the want. We therefore wish this part of the scheme all success.

Miss H. Foggo-Thompson is secretary to the club, and resides there. The arrangements have all been made under her direct supervision. We understand, however, that she is not responsible for the financial management of the club, but that this is in the hands of three trustees. Our letter enquiring the names of these gentlemen has not elicited an answer to our question. We are therefore compelled to reserve our judgment, and to refrain from advising would-be members as to the soundness of the financial basis of the club until these names are made public. There can be no possible reason for keeping them secret. We think therefore that, for the good of the club, it would be advisable to announce them at once.

### THE POSSIBILITIES OF ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS.

WE should like to draw the attention of our readers to the most salient points in Mrs. Hampton Robb's most valuable paper, which we have recently published. We are impressed by the possibilities possessed by Alumnæ Associations for inspiring and fostering *esprit de corps*, both in relation to the individual training schools, and also to the nursing profession as a whole. Secondly, the nuclei formed by these associations are a most valuable basis upon which to draw for the representatives of a national organisation, and thirdly, the national associations will provide the delegates for an international co-operation.

In these days when, from various motives, attacks are being made on trained nurses on all sides, it behoves them to sink all lesser interests and unworthy jealousies, and work together for a common object—the placing of

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