

WE are informed by Miss Sophia Wingfield, as we go to press, that already seventy Matrons of important Hospitals, who are Registered Nurses, have signed the resolution protesting against the admission of Asylum Attendants, as Nurses, to membership and registration by the Royal British Nurses' Association, including Miss Isla Stewart, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, late Matron St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss Beachcroft, Lincoln County Hospital; Miss M. Cureton, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Miss Knight, General Hospital, Nottingham; Miss Wharton, Royal Infirmary, Halifax; Miss Poole, Blackburn Infirmary; Mrs. Mathias, Royal United Hospital, Bath; Miss V. Clarke, Chichester Infirmary; Miss Hay Forbes, General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells; Mrs. Okell, Bridgewater Infirmary; Miss Lily Warrington, Borough Hospital, Bootle; Miss Alice Dannatt, late Lady Superintendent Royal Infirmary, Manchester; Miss Ellen Bull, Pembrokeshire Infirmary; Miss Eleanor G. Macdonald, The Hospital, Devizes; Miss H. Turner, Children's Hospital, Pendlebury; Superintendent Sister Sidney Browne, Herbert Hospital, Woolwich; Miss Sophia Cartwright, Sister, Registered Nurses' Society; Miss G. Wade, Scottish Branch Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Edinburgh; Miss M. Huxley, Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin; Miss Elinor Lyons, Meath Hospital, Dublin; Miss Louisa Hayes, Tyrone Infirmary, Omagh; Miss Newman, British Hospital Paris; and numbers of letters have been received from Matrons, Sisters and Nurses expressing the very strongest disapproval of their rights as Trained Nurses, which are to be read at the meeting:

### East and West.

THERE is a Japanese lady, Miss Shidzu Naruse, or more properly Shidzu Naruse Sen, among the probationers at the New York Hospital Training School for Nurses. Shidzu Naruse Sen is a Graduate Nurse of the Missionary Hospital School at Dosbishi, and besides this she has gained many diplomas of the Kobe College. It speaks much for the earnestness of purpose of this Eastern lady that she is willing to isolate herself from her own country, and take up hard work in surroundings which must of necessity be strange, and often uncongenial. It speaks well, also, for the vitality and thoroughness of the work done by our American sisters, that they are able by the force of merit to attract to one of their training schools a lady of the type of Shidzu Naruse Sen. Doubtless both East and West will mutually benefit by an interchange of thought and ideas.

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FOLLOWING the example of the Countess of Winchilsea in Lincolnshire, Lady Percy is about to start a County Nursing Association in Northumberland. The County Council of Northumberland will probably be approached with a view to its providing scholarships for the training of the Nurses, similar to those at present granted in the eastern county. The services of duly qualified Nurses will also be engaged to give practical instruction to those desirous of acquiring knowledge of the elementary part of a Nurse's work. Besides being president of the new association, Lady Percy is taking considerable personal interest in the details of the new scheme.

IN several of our leading Training Schools the Nurses have formed debating Societies, and for some time past the Nursing Staff of St. John's House and their friends have met monthly for the purpose of discussing subjects of professional interest. The first Paper of the present year will be read on January 14th, entitled "How can Private Nurses keep in touch with Modern Methods?" We hope some practical conclusion will be arrived at, as we all know how easy it is to become "rusty" when out of Hospital.

The Synopsis of the St. John's House Debating Society for 1897 is as follows:—

- (1) January 14th.—How can Private Nurses keep in touch with Modern Methods.
- (2) February 4th.—The Law of Heredity—for and against.
- (3) February 25th.—Cycling—for and against.
- (4) March 18th.—Private Nursing—for and against.
- (5) April 8th.—Hysteria.
- (6) April 29th.—Recreation—for and against.
- (7) May 20th.—Massage—for and against.
- (8) June 10th.—Tendencies of the age.
- (9) September 23rd.—Up-to-date Surgery—for and against.

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