

Association, therefore, in protesting against the mismanagement of the Nurses' Association, and demanding a public inquiry into the matter, is doing all in its power to defend not only the rights of the nurses, but also the best interests both of medical men and the public. The conduct of Mr. Fardon and the other officials proves that not only have they attempted to shuffle the leading nurses out of the management of their own Association, but that they desire to exclude representative medical men from its government also. We can assure the nurses that the medical profession will condemn and repudiate such tactics."

The *Charity Record* says:—"There is to be an inquiry, and it is most desirable that it should be complete."

### Answers to Prize Questions.

WE have pleasure in announcing that the highest number of marks in answer to the Prize Questions have this month been awarded to Miss Kate S. Clark, M.R.B.N.A., of 2, Bellevue Terrace, Edinburgh, who has sent in the following replies:—

I.—What would be the advantages of State Registration of Nurses to Medical Men?

(1) The two professions, Medical and Nursing, are so closely connected in these modern days, the one practically being unable to get on without the other, that what benefits one must also benefit the other. One holds therefore that the improved status and conditions that would follow upon state registration of nurses would be of material advantage to doctors, for with a compulsory standard of education, systematic training, and a public examination, a nurse will be turned out, who will be infinitely better able to co-operate with the doctor, and to carry out his orders with efficiency and knowledge. She will be a veritable assistant, one to be trusted because she is disciplined, who by reason of her thorough training knows her own position, and will never encroach on that of her chief.

(2) Another real advantage to doctors will be that, without difficulty, they can ascertain the qualifications, efficiency, and character of any nurse they may wish to employ, for it is evident that, for their own credit, medical men must be as particular about their nurses as they would be concerning the professional qualifications of a brother practitioner called into consultation. At the same time, registration will do away with the evil of inadequately-trained women

being foisted on them by Homes and Institutions, which are only conducted for profit.

II.—How would you ensure surgical cleanliness in a room in which an operation is to be performed?

To ensure surgical cleanliness in an ordinary room which is required for operation one would proceed by taking down curtains, and any other dust-traps, removing the carpet, having the walls well swept down, if papered, but if painted, washed down with a carbolic solution 1 in 40, the windows and paint thoroughly cleansed with soap and water, and the floor also scrubbed out first with soap and water, and afterwards washed over with carbolic solution. The floor must be kept bare if linoleum is not obtainable, and any superfluous furniture should be removed. The windows must be kept well open, and the sunlight allowed to permeate the room. Any tables that may be required should be particularly attended to, and washed all over carefully with carbolic solution 1 in 40. Only such articles as are absolutely necessary ought to be left in the room.

We may add that in our opinion it is most desirable that any room in a private house, in which an operation is to be performed, should be thoroughly fumigated for forty-eight hours, previous to being thoroughly scrubbed and disinfected.

### A New Hospital for Women and Children.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) last week performed the ceremony of opening the new building of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Westminster. The building, which occupies the site of the old hospital which was carried on in three houses, cost £9,000, £8,000 of this sum being given by Lady Kortright, and the remainder subscribed. The hospital may be said to be opened free of debt. There are thirty beds now available. The number of patients during the year averaged 10,000. The new hospital is a handsome building, charmingly situated, overlooking the Playing Fields of Westminster School. It is well planned, and artistically decorated, and is specially light and airy, the windows being of unusually large size. The corridors are paved with terrazzo, the walls faced with cemented bricks in a restful contrast of cream and soft green. The wards all look cosy; the furniture of polished ash, good spring beds, and dainty cretonne screens, adding to the general air of comfort. We congratulate the Lady Superintendent, Miss Katherine Hughes, whose labours in connection with this institution for the last eighteen years are well known and sincerely appreciated, upon the completion of the new hospital, which will no doubt add greatly to the pleasure of her work.

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