

for great principles, and we are not to be either intimidated, or influenced to stand aside, by personal attacks or insult. We are surprised that a gentleman, inspired, as Dr. Dolan is, with a strong sense of professional responsibility, should recommend to nurses a pusillanimous policy in relation to their professional affairs.

#### THE RIGHT OF REPLY.

WE observe with interest that M. Dubout has brought an action against the editor of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, for his refusal to insert a reply to a criticism upon his drama, *Fredegonde*, which appeared in the *Revue*. French law, so we learn from *Literature*, is explicit in protecting the "right of reply" in the newspaper. Happy France! In England, the law, apparently, is not so explicit, though all well conducted newspapers tacitly admit the right, and adopt the motto, "*audi alteram partem*." M. Brunetière, the editor of the *Revue*, conducted his own case. The court re-affirmed the "right of reply," but declared that it should not be abused, and, for reasons which we need not give at length, were of opinion that M. Dubout abused it. He, therefore, was condemned to pay the costs. We wonder what would be the result in an English Court, if a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association were to bring an action against the Editorial Committee for refusing to insert a reply to a previous communication in that Journal!

#### Nurses for the Plague.

A PARTY of nurses who have been selected by the India Office for temporary plague duty in India, left London at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning. They travelled overland to Marseilles, and then embarked on s.s. Peninsula for Bombay. Most of the nurses went from Victoria, but their departure excited very little comment, owing no doubt to the fact that only one, Miss Snowdon of the Registered Nurses' Society, travelled in the pretty grey uniform provided by the India Office. The rest were in all sorts and conditions of garments—we even noticed one nurse in a hat, with a pair of white bonnet strings tied round her neck! The result of this miscellaneous assortment of garments was certainly to detract very much from the appearance of the party, and those who witnessed the departure of the nurses for the Græco-Turkish war, and noted their smart and professional appearance, could not fail to be struck by the contrast. We think it would be a wise regulation, and calculated to raise the prestige of their Nursing Staff in the eyes of the public, if the India Office required future parties of nurses to leave London in their official uniform, whatever they may wear on the voyage.

We are asked to state that the India Office will be glad to receive applications from fully-qualified nurses who would be willing to be placed on a

reserve list, which would be drawn upon if more nurses are required, as seems likely, to nurse the plague. There are already about a dozen nurses on this list, but more may be required.

Terms of appointment and other information will be sent to any qualified person who applies to the Revenue Secretary, India Office, Whitehall, S.W. The following are the names of the Sisters who left London on Wednesday last:—

Miss J. A. Evans, 3 years Withington Union Hospital.

Miss J. Snowdon, Registered Nurses' Society, 2 years Manchester Royal Infirmary; 3 months Sister of Wards, Bolton Infirmary; 1 year Head Nurse, Sheffield Union Infirmary; 2 years Night Superintendent, Kensington Infirmary.

Miss E. Smith, 4 years West London Hospital.

Miss A. Richardson, 2 years University College Hospital; 3 years St. George's Hospital, Bombay.

Miss J. Grieveson, 5 years Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Miss B. S. Wood, 1 year Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; 1½ years Devon and Exeter Hospital; 1½ years Charge Nurse and Acting Matron, Windsor Royal Infirmary.

Miss L. Foxlee, 4 years St. Thomas' Hospital.

Miss M. M. Murphy, 5½ years Highgate Infirmary.

Miss E. E. Bradshaw, 2 years St. George's Hospital; 1 year Crumpsall Infirmary.

Miss M. E. Harvey, 4 years Liverpool Southern Hospital.

Mrs. M. E. Pearse, 2 years 8 months Middlesex Hospital.

Miss E. L. Bleaney, 3 years Charing Cross Hospital.

Miss M. L. Barrow, 3 years Addenbrooke Hospital, Cambridge; 1 year Golden Square Hospital.

Miss A. M. R. Cracknell, 3 years St. Thomas'; 4 years Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Miss D. B. Hyland, 3 years Birmingham General Hospital.

Miss F. M. Fry, 3 years Marylebone Infirmary; 1½ years Fulham Infirmary.

Miss A. Buckley, 3 years Dr. Steevens's Hospital, Dublin; 3 months Winchester County Hospital.

Miss M. E. Chick, 1 year St. Mary's Hospital; 2 years Sheffield Royal Infirmary.

Miss C. A. Brown, 6 years South Devon Hospital.

Miss E. Scott, 1 year Sussex County Hospital; 3 years Mildmay Hospital.

Miss E. M. Gardner, 3 years St. Mary's Hospital.

Miss E. H. Greening, 3 years Leicester Infirmary.

Miss M. Hodges, 3 years Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; 2 years Queen's Institute.

Miss M. Campbell, 3 years London Fever Hospital; 6 months Seamen's Hospital.

Miss E. Riley, 3 years Withington Union Hospital.

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