

after critical examination, ultimately won the day. We hope the lady in question will be up to sample when she arrives on duty.

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DR. CONOLLY NORMAN, the Medical Superintendent of the Richmond Asylum, Dublin, stated in his fortnightly report, that on June 30th, Dr. Cullinan, his senior assistant, informed him that when going into Ward 12, at a somewhat unusual hour, he found a nurse using loud and violent language to a patient, and threatening to beat her. As a nurse who behaves in a cruel and bullying way to a lunatic and threatens her with violence is not fit to be in charge of patients, he (Dr. Norman) felt bound to suspend this nurse immediately on receiving this report, which he accordingly did, at the same time reporting to the inspectors, and informing the nurse that he would this day report the matter to the governors, and request the board to discharge her as unsuitable for their further employment.

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The Board discussed at great length the paragraph in the report complaining of the conduct of the nurse. Several members were strongly of opinion that the doctor's recommendation ought to be carried out. Ultimately, on the motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. M'Donnell, the following resolution was passed—"That the Board request Dr. Conolly Norman to punish the nurse, Mary Anne Leech, by inflicting upon her a fine equal to two months' pay."

Dr. Norman again expressed the opinion that he did not think this nurse ought to be retained in the service of the Board.

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WE think that the action of the Board in retaining the services of the nurse under such circumstances will be widely condemned, and we are of opinion that Dr. Norman should be very firm, and for the sake of the unhappy creatures for whose personal comfort and welfare he is responsible, should insist upon the discharge of a woman evidently totally unfitted to be placed in charge of the insane.

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WE have received a copy of the Fifth Annual Report of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, which contains the transactions of the Society and papers and discussion, contributed at the last Conference, held at Toronto in February of this year; and we heartily congratulate the Committee of Publication on the first class manner in which the Report is presented.

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SEVERAL of the papers delivered we have published, and as all are of importance and interest to nurses, we propose to present them as space permits, "Suggestions on Qualifications for

future Membership" in the Society of American Superintendents by Mrs. Hampton Robb, is of particular interest at this time, when British Superintendents are considering so earnestly the best methods of raising the standard and efficiency of their profession. Upwards of 100 Superintendents have now joined the American Society, and the list contains the names of all the leaders of the nursing world in the States and Canada, a most satisfactory result of five years' work.

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THE following letter was received by Miss Wadley, the organizer of the Nurse's Educational Exhibit, lately held in New York City, in response to a request that Miss Nightingale would allow her name to be used as a patroness.

5, Hyde Park Square, W.,

April 22nd, 1898.

Dear Madam,—It was with sincere regret that I was obliged to reply to your telegram as to the use of Miss Nightingale's name by a simple and bare negative. She wishes me to explain to you that she has been obliged to make it an invariable rule never to give her name as patroness, president, or otherwise, in connection with any public institution or undertaking in which she was unable to take an active part or exercise a real control, and, as for many years she has, through ill health, been quite precluded from so doing, the result has been that even here at home she has never allowed the use of her name in any such capacity.

She is greatly interested in every good movement tending to the development of sound principles of nursing and nurse training, and heartily sympathises with the many successful workers in the United States, whose efforts have been directed toward the attainment of this object. As part of the education of women, the calling of a nurse cannot, if pursued in a true spirit, but take a high place. Miss Nightingale hopes that your endeavors may be successful in raising the standard of this calling, and desires me to convey to you her kind regards.—I am, dear Madame, yours very truly,

HENRY BONHAM CARTER.

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No one who knows Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society of the United States, will be surprised to hear that she is at her post at the rear of the army at Santiago, and that she is making every effort to meet the terrible results of the late battle, and also to care for those suffering with yellow fever. She has, during the past week, telegraphed to Washington for more nurses and supplies.

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THE passing of the hospital ship *Relief* down the East River, as she sailed from New York for Santiago de Cuba, must have been an affecting sight. All the craft in the river saluted her, and thousands

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