

school who have worked loyally, and hold its certificate, may expect the sympathy and help of the Matron of that School. Do they always receive it? No, they do not. But it is their own fault. The truth is that some nurses are so devoid of any sense of personal responsibility, or desire to help themselves, that they expect to be "done for," when trained, and they are found willing to submit to many indignities which other working women would repudiate.

OUR advice, to the certificated nurses of Training Schools, is—Take the initiative, help yourselves. Consult with your Matrons, arouse their interest in your professional career, ask them to help you to form yourselves into School Associations so that in time all the chief training schools will have powerful co-operations of nurses organized for united professional effort. Establish healthy and liberal-minded intercourse through your Associations, with the graduates of other Schools, be prepared to give and take, and rejoice to see the best woman win. Form from within these School Associations your great National Association of Nurses, and in the future obtain representation on the International Council of Nurses, the organization of which earnest-minded Matrons in many lands have now under their serious consideration, and which will soon be prepared to affiliate with National Associations.

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### Royal Red Cross.

THE Queen has been pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon the undermentioned ladies, in recognition of their services in tending the sick and wounded:—  
Miss Annie Gill Mark, Superintendent Army Nursing Service.  
Miss Gertrude Mary Payne, Army Nursing Service.

### British Medical Association.

THE Midwife question came up for discussion at the opening meeting of the annual conference of the British Medical Association, at Plymouth. Dr. George Brown (London) called attention to the Midwifery Bill, and hoped the Council would not allow the knowledge they had gleaned on the subject to be wasted. The only Bill now before Parliament was one drawn up by the Midwives' Association, and a worse Bill could not be imagined. He protested against that measure being adopted by the Government, and moved as a rider to the report, "That the Council of the Association be requested to represent this view to the President of the Privy Council."

After a brief discussion the rider was adopted.

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LAST week we quoted from the *Scalpel* a covert attack upon the powers of hospital matrons, and this week we have read with no surprise the first article of a series appearing in the *Medical Press and Circular*, by Mr. Frederick Gant, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, on "Nurses of the Latest Fashion, A.D. 1899." Mr. Gant took an active part in supporting, by his vote, the "smashing" policy of the Hon. Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association, when they, in the new bye-laws, deprived the nurses of all practical power in their own Association, so that the title of No. 1 of his typical nurses, "Satan in Petticoats," is quite in order. We intend to deal with Mr. Gant's "Nurses" in a future issue, but think our readers will be interested to know that Nurse Lucretia, "Satan in Petticoats," "is partly the money-seeking, fortune-hunting woman; but she gains admission to the house of sickness and death simply to play a game best suited to carry out certain diabolical purposes. Nurse Lucretia is of Borgian blood, cold, calculating, cruel. She would vary the depravities of an incestuous nature; she would seduce husband, or son, even in the room adjoining the departing spirit of wife and mother; or she administers slow poison, preferably by (accidental) over-doses of some potent medicine, selling herself, or with a redoubled display of nursing care; in either way to gratify the only love she ever feels—her passionate love of money."

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REMEMBER, nurses, this article is written by an active Vice-President of the Royal British Nurses' Association. It is well to see ourselves as others see us!

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THE Lambeth Infirmary Committee, at a recent meeting, again emphasized the necessity for an increase in the accommodation for their nursing

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