

before the Board to answer a question, there would be a letter to the Local Government Board.

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 WE are of opinion that so long as the religious scruples of nuns prevent their discharging the duties connected with the office, it is advisable they should not be appointed as Matrons. The position of Ward Sister is one which is more tenable with their views.

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 IN the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of November 21st, our editorial remarks in the NURSING RECORD, with regard to the foundation of the New South Wales Nursing Association, were quoted at length. In this article we advised Australian nurses to avoid the rocks on which the Royal British Nurses' Association has foundered in this country. We also made the statement that the Association has now ceased to publish a Register of Trained Nurses.

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 MISS GOULD, the Matron of the Hospital for the Insane in Sydney, in virtue of her office as Lady Consul of the Royal British Nurses' Association in that city, has written to the *Sydney Telegraph*, controverting this statement. As, however, she says "for legal reasons the word 'Register' had to be given up, but the very same facts and information with improvements are now issued under the title 'Roll of Members,'" we think we may consider our remarks have obtained her support. The Hon. Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association have, beyond question, abolished the Register without so much as consulting the members, and they now publish a "Roll" to which nurses are admitted on payment of £1 is., and medical men on payment of nothing. A strange arrangement in a Nurses' Association, but most of the ways of the Royal British Nurses' Association in these days are strange.

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 WE agree with Miss Gould that "if trained nurses had been firmer in the beginning, there would not have been so many quarrels in the Royal British Nurses' Association." If, when an autocracy was assumed by the Hon. Officers, the members had firmly said they would have none of it, the troubles would have been at an end. But they did not do so, and the struggle for liberty and justice was a prolonged one. Those who knew the Association in its best days, and contrast them with its present condition, are best able to estimate the wrong that has been done to it by a few medical "notoriety seeking agitators," and so long as they find trained nurses sufficiently disloyal to their class to support them, as Miss Gould does, so long will the earnest-minded members of the profession keep aloof.

## The Hospital World.

### THE NOTTINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:

EVER since we began our nursing career, we have had the warmest regard for the Children's Hospital, Nottingham, where we spent some happy months as probationer, and to the present day we have followed the career of this institution with interest. It was, therefore, with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that we learnt a short time since that the Hospital is to be removed to another site and rebuilt on a larger scale. We rejoice that the good work of the Hospital is to be extended, but we must own that it gives us a pang of sorrow to know that the houses which, for so many years, have afforded shelter and medical and nursing care to so many sick and suffering children, will no longer be used for this purpose. The present hospital, however, only accommodates 30 children, and it is imperative that it should enlarge its borders to meet the requirements of the present day. The Board of Management, therefore, issued an appeal stating the needs of the Hospital, and this has met with a most generous response from Mr. Birkin, a landowner in the neighbourhood, who has presented them with Forest House, and a considerable amount of adjoining land as a site for a hospital. The situation of this most welcome gift is admirable for the purpose. It stands high in the healthiest part of Nottingham, is open on every side, and, at the same time, is within easy access of the poorest parts of the town. It is proposed that the new hospital shall contain 80 beds, and, to carry out the scheme proposed for building wards, to adapt Forest House for administrative purposes, and to partly endow the Hospital, it is estimated that not less than £15,000 is required.

Her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Frederic of Germany, has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new Hospital, to receive purses of £10 and upwards, and to open a bazaar.

And now comes the point at which we wish to secure the co-operation of our readers. We should very much like to enlist their help for the Matron's stall at the bazaar. We know that the present time, when everyone is working so hard for our soldiers in South Africa, is not a very happy moment to ask for help; but, although all would wish to do what they can for our brave men, we must not, therefore, forget the needs of the sick at home.

We shall be very pleased to hear from those of our readers who are willing to help us in this matter, and we ask them to kindly send us a

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