

St. Bartholomew's Hospital. This lady, Miss Annie A. Barling, holds the position of Matron to the Kidderminster Hospital, and is a most active member of her profession. She is a member of the Matrons' Council, and also a member of the Executive Council of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

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WE learn, with sorrow, of the death of Miss Agnes E. Hailes, at the Homœopathic Hospital, Birmingham. The Matron, Miss Tamar Bean, writes:—

"DEAR MADAM,—You will, I am sure, much regret to hear of the death—from typhoid following pneumonia—which took place on the 17th inst., of Miss Agnes Elenor Hailes, one of our most promising probationers. She was just one of those bright, capable women who seem to have 'everything to give' to their work, and her loss at the age of 28 is a great grief to Major-General and Mrs. Hailes, whose youngest and much-loved daughter she was, as well as to her fellow workers—to whom it is some comfort to know that everything skill and care could suggest was done for her from the very first."

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THE Matron and nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, are naturally proud of their delightful new Nurses' Home in Terrell Street, and last week an opportunity was given to between 400 and 500 visitors to inspect the Home under pleasing conditions. The Matron, Miss Baillie, and nurses gave a garden party in the grounds, which will afford a delightful place for recreation. The visitors not only had an agreeable time amid the abundance of dainty things provided, but they spent an instructive time going over the Home. There was a general consensus of opinion that the place was remarkably well arranged, and that the Infirmary nurses can boast of an almost ideal home away from, although within easy reach of, the Institution. Comfort and convenience are prominent features of the building, which accommodates 93 nurses, nearly all of whom have separate bed-rooms.

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A GOOD Nurses' Home is a *sine qua non*, if a first-rate training school for nurses is to be maintained, and all the old difficulties at the Bristol "Royal" should now be things of the past. We hear that Miss Baillie, the Matron, and her able helper, Miss Pratt, the Home Sister, courteously welcome visitors by arrangement. This is good. Citizens should be encouraged to take a personal interest in the Hospitals of their own city, and we know no better means of inspiring confidence and interest in these institutions than the knowledge that their visits will be agreeable, as they can so easily be made by a bright and clever Matron.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the members of the Bradford Incorporated Nurses' Institution was held last week to consider the question of separating the charitable branch from the parent institution. The institution was founded in 1872, with the intention of training private nurses. For the first two years the energies of the institution were devoted exclusively to this object, but in 1874 a resolution was adopted requesting the Board of Management to take into consideration the question of providing for charitable nursing. This work was commenced by two nurses in 1875, but the number was increased from time to time until in 1894 five nurses were employed in attending to the sick poor. Recently, however, it has been felt that there is an element of incongruity in conducting a purely charitable organisation such as the district nursing branch in conjunction with the Nurses' Institution, and that it would be to the advantage of all concerned if the district nursing could be continued absolutely independent of the institution. On the motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Goyder, it was decided to adopt the recommendations, and to authorise steps to be taken for the severance of the district nursing work from the institution. This journal has often pointed out how unfair it is to combine the business and charity of nursing. The nurse usually pays the piper—but never calls the tune.

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MANY readers of this journal have wide and international sympathies, and, we know, read with pleasure the "foreign letters" which appear from time to time in its columns; and as Holland was the first continental country to follow Great Britain in forming an Association to organize nurses and nursing, "Hollandia's" letters have a peculiar interest for us.

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WE gather from her current contribution that, after seven years of hard and good work, the "Bond," or, as it is called, the "Dutch Association for Sick Nursing," is to have a competitor in dealing with nursing affairs, called the "Dutch Association for furthering the interests of Male and Female nurses." But as we have not at present very ample data of its aspirations and intentions before us, we will defer any criticism until such time as we are in a position to form a trustworthy opinion.

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BUT one item of extreme importance is alluded to by "Hollandia" in her letter, and that is the animated discussion which took place at the late Annual Meeting of the "Bond," on the important *principle* of admitting mental specialists to membership as trained nurses without

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