

MISS LOUISA TWINING has probably done more than any other man or woman to bring about workhouse reforms, and better conditions in our workhouse infirmaries. It is impossible to imagine the difficulties which, as a pioneer worker in this direction nearly fifty years ago, she had to encounter. Her book, "Workhouses and Pauperism," is interesting reading. It is noteworthy that, though the horrors of those days were almost inconceivable, it was a woman, not a man, who agitated for reform. Although the changed conditions to-day must be a cause of rejoicing to Miss Twining, she is still intent on further progress. Amongst the reforms which she wishes to see inaugurated are the appointment of women inspectors of hospitals, the abolition of the charity voting system, large development of homes for men incurables, and the re-admission of women to the Vestries. We hope that Miss Twining will long be spared to guide with her ripe wisdom the many movements for the good of the nation in which she takes so active an interest.

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MISS LAVINIA L. DOCK is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital, New York, and has held the important positions of Assistant Superintendent at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago. Of later years Miss Dock has turned her attention to journalism, in which she excels. She has also compiled a *Materia Medica* for nurses, which is unique in its excellence, and her splendid organizing abilities and professional knowledge have, from its foundation, been at the service of the American Society of Superintendents as its Hon. Secretary.

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MISS J. P. REIJNVAAN was formerly Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital, Amsterdam, where she organised the Nursing School, which revolutionised the nursing of other Dutch hospitals. On the occasion of her Jubilee she received congratulations not only from Queen Emma, then Queen Regent, and from the Town Council of Amsterdam, but, as a mark of gratitude and respect for her work, a Fund was founded to aid those nurses who are incapacitated by illness or old age.

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MRS. GORDON NORRIE received training at the Alurindeligt Hospital, Copenhagen, and subsequently worked in the Queen Louisa's Children's Hospital. In 1885 she married Dr. Gordon Norrie, but retained her keen interest in nursing affairs, and has worked for the better organization of nurses. Mrs. Norrie, who is the Corresponding Secretary of the Danish National Council of

Women attended the International Congress of Women in London in 1899, and it was upon her initiative that the National Council of Nurses in Denmark was founded. Mrs. Norrie is a Foundation Member and Councillor of the International Council of Nurses.

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WE notice that Sir Edwin Arnold, who reviews the chief events of the departed century in the *Daily Telegraph*, is one of the few public men who mentions the rise and development of the science of nursing during this epoch. After alluding to the unparalleled blessing conveyed by the discovery of anæsthetics, he says:—"This unspeakably good gift to mankind was of the American dentist's and of Sir James Simpson's giving, a participated glory of the reign, like that of the new School of Nursing, which has wrought so much benefit and created a fresh vocation for many a young woman's gentle energies. And with this thrice-blessed gift of the age may well be mentioned Lister's antiseptic treatment of wounds and the skilled female nursing which has risen out of the noble example of Miss Florence Nightingale in the Crimea."

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THE nurses of St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, have a flourishing Debating Society, and the following synopsis of the subjects to be discussed during the coming year shows that the debates are both practical and useful:—

1. Jan. 10.—Should Nurses pay for their training? If not, why not?
2. Jan. 31.—Nursing in a Military Hospital at home.
3. Feb. 21.—The duties of a nurse in regard to Infection. How it may be carried and avoided.
4. Mar. 14.—What is the effect upon the mind of the current literature of the day?
5. Ap. 18.—Muscular Exercises; their uses and abuses.
6. May 9.—What should be the qualifications of a nurse for sick children?
7. May 30.—Treatment of diseases by Light and Heat: and by Colour.
8. June 20.—What is the most desirable provision to be made for sick nurses, during occasional illness?
9. Sept. 26.—What are the most enjoyable sights of London?
10. Oct. 7.—(A) Respiration in various diseases. (B) New method of Artificial Respiration.
11. Nov. 7.—Is it required of a nurse to have a knowledge of housekeeping and sick cookery? If so, how can she obtain it?
12. Nov. 28.—The nursing of gun-shot wounds on the field, and in base hospitals.

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