

in her new sphere of labour, and I feel confident that this lady's tact, energy, and experience will be of great service in the new and responsible duties she has undertaken.

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IN the current issue of our contemporary, *The Philanthropist*, a journal which is as yet undistinguished for partisanship, I note the following, and am glad that "The Man of Ross" takes the opportunity of putting before his readers the comparison between Medical and Nursing Registration:—"I have read Miss Luckes' pamphlet on the Registration of Nurses with much interest. It displays all the interest in Nurses and Nursing that might be expected from a lady holding so prominent a position. Miss Luckes will, I hope, pardon me if I say that many of the reasons she urges against Registration would be equally forcible against the Registration of Medical men—a system which is a safeguard to the public, and to Medical men themselves. But all must sympathise with her, and none can do so more than I, when she describes, as she does in well-chosen terms, the womanly attributes of the ideal Nurse, which she fears—not, I think, without reason—may be dulled, if not altogether lost sight of, in the midst of the strife for success in examination. Miss Luckes' brochure is timely, and should be welcomed even by those who advocate Registration as desirable alike for the Nursing profession and the public. Both sides seem to me agreed as to the points which are desirable." S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

I AM glad to hear that my remarks in the last issue, on the question of Roman Catholics being employed as Nurses, have caused some attention. I can only say again that I earnestly wish that every one in authority in all our Hospitals and Institutions may feel inspired by the Cardinal Archbishop's spirited remarks and broad manly views.

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IF there is one thing more than another entirely adverse to prosperity of any kind, that thing is narrowness of mind and spirit. No individual, nor collection of individuals, can secure, or expect to secure, success if we work in darkened grooves instead of in the open daylight, and we ought to welcome every effort of those who are proved competent by their life and actions to inculcate the broad feeling of reason in our midst.

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I HAVE just received the fourth annual report of the Hamilton Association for Providing Trained

Male Nurses. I am pleased to note the continued progress of this very excellent institution, and also the fact that in another department an advance has been made in the training of men as Nurses. Arrangements have been made with one of the metropolitan Hospitals for the purpose, and two men have been sent for training, one of whom is still continuing. The time which has elapsed has been too short to speak of definite results in connection with this subject, but the Committee hope to be able to make a fuller statement in their report for the ensuing year, which statement I shall look forward to with not a little interest. If I remember rightly I complained last year of the custom in describing, on the "Receipts" side of the balance sheet, the "earnings" of Nurses as wages; this is wrong and misleading, and ought to be remedied. I hope that the time will not be far distant when this association will prove itself to be self-supporting. It ought to be, for it has every element of successful earning power within its reach.

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THE York Town and Camberley Nursing Institute, Reading, recently held its Annual Meeting (the fourth). Good work was reported as having been done during the preceding twelve months, and the necessity of having a Trained Nurse in the district was fully proved. Mrs. Stotherd, who takes a great interest in the Institution, moved that a Nurse should be obtained from the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and be employed in cases of infectious disease. This was carried.

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MRS. PERCIVAL, wife of the Head Master of Rugby School, and a number of other ladies, have initiated an association to provide a Nurse for visiting among the poor and to give instruction in cases of illness. The Hon. Mrs. Tower has been appointed Hon. Treasurer and Superintendent, and from what I can learn, a large measure of success already attends the efforts of the promoters. This class of work cannot possibly be over estimated, and I should like to see the Association placed at once upon a solid and workable foundation. Rugby has some wealthy inhabitants who ought to show their practical appreciation of a *bona fide* attempt to provide the necessary Nursing attention for the poor of their district. THE JUNIOR HOUSE SURGEON.

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DON'T flatter yourself that friendship authorises you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. On the contrary, the nearer you come into relations with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become.

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