

proved of by Medical men. All the stock-brokers in the world could not form a Register which would be of the slightest use to Nurses if Medical men disapproved of it. For a Doctor would merely say of anyone on such a Register: "I will not have her to nurse my patients; such Registration as that is no guarantee of her knowledge or skill." So I advise "A Parlour Cat" to get Registered as soon as she can by a professional Registration Board, and not to heed the small but noisy clique which is making all this fuss in the vain hope of forcing the B.N.A. to give up the Registration scheme for themselves to undertake.

I AM very pleased to be able to record the fact that Nurse Rees, who for the past six years has worked so energetically in the parishes of St. John's, St. Clement's, and Hallow, in the city of Worcester, has been the recipient of a gratifying testimonial as evidence of her good work and worthy popularity. A purse of ten guineas, a handbag, and a pocket case of surgical instruments formed the gifts, which were presented with a few sympathetic and feeling sentences by the Rev. W. R. Carr, on behalf of a goodly number of subscribers. Mr. J. S. Holloway, the able superintendent of the Institution under which Nurse Rees is employed, has reason to feel proud of the gratifying result of its good work. S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

IT has come at last! For the past ten years the writer of these paragraphs has advocated with might and main, on every possible occasion, and in more than one professional and public journal, leaving no stone unturned in legitimate efforts to achieve his object, *i.e.*, a Governmental inquiry on the whole of our Hospital administration.

Now, after being the recipient of jeers, sarcasms, and buffetings, after suffering misrepresentations which in many instances have assumed such a personal and offensive character that even those making them must be utterly ashamed of themselves, it has actually come to pass; and the practical portion of the philanthropical public will hasten to unite in hearty thanks to Lord Sandhurst and the four hundred representative signatories for bringing the matter before the House of Lords last Monday night, and obtaining a promise from that Chamber that the whole matter shall be thoroughly discussed and threshed out next session.

It is, as Lord Randolph Churchill so pithily puts it, "simply a disgrace that the many and large Hospitals of ours, with all their enormous wealth, endowments and accumulations, should still require at least £100,000 per annum from the pockets of the public to enable them to carry on their work," and I am heartily pleased to find that it will be possible, sooner or later, to obtain, through the auspices of a perfectly unbiassed tribunal, evidence as to what is really being done with the money.

If Lord Sandhurst will pardon me making the suggestion, the first duty of the Committee when appointed ought to be the thorough investigation of the wills and bequests of founders of our Hospitals, to see whether at the present day the original intentions of the founders are in their reality and entirety being carried out.

WHAT I mean by this is, did those beneficent and charitable founders, who so nobly and unsacrificingly devoted their substance to the establishment of these Hospitals, ever intend them to be anything but for the use of the absolutely poor? Also, did they ever expect that those who are quite in a position to pay for their own medical and surgical treatment, should ever be permitted to make use of them? Did they ever for a single moment contemplate that Pay-Wards and other kindred arrangements would be established, and if not, who will be held answerable for the misapplication of the funds required to carry such places on?

I SHALL endeavour to formulate the many varied points which I consider to be worthy the attention of the proposed commission, and take an early opportunity of submitting them to those gentlemen who have signed the petition praying for its institution, which points I feel sure will bear thoroughly well looking into.

MEANWHILE Lord Sandhurst and those interested have earned the eternal gratitude of every earnest well-wisher of these great and glorious Hospitals of which we in London are the proud possessors; and their action is the best possible rebuke that could have been given to that effete, moribund, demi-professional, semi-lazy, and quavering Institution known to the few as the Hospitals' Association, which exists, but naught doeth.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE SURGEON.

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