

It is announced that the Council of the Sanitary Institute have accepted an invitation from the Town Council of Brighton to hold the autumn Congress and Health Exhibition in that town in September next.

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WHAT with changing its address every few months and putting its foot (both feet) into it so frequently, our sparkling and original contemporary seems to be having a happy time of it. I notice that it has carefully (so far) avoided making reference to the following which is sent to me, having been cut from the *City Press* :—

"HIRING A NURSE.—MANN V. QUICK.—Mr. Wallace was counsel for the plaintiff, Miss Agnes C. Mann, of 29, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, who brought an action against the defendant, Mr. Arthur Quick, solicitor, 7A, Laurence Pountney Hill, to recover £4 14s. 6d. for the hire of a Nurse. Mr. Wallace said the plaintiff was a lady who kept a Nursing establishment, and she took in the defendant's wife, who was ill. The time came when she was better, and the defendant's wife went back to her husband. Mr. C. F. Bidder, who appeared for the defendant, admitted the claim, but said he had raised a counter-claim for costs incurred on behalf of the plaintiff by the defendant, who was instructed by her to bring an action against *The Hospital* paper for libel. Those instructions were carried out up to a certain point. Mr. Wallace said this counter-claim was premature, as only five days ago the defendant's bill was delivered. Under the statute, bills of costs must, as the Court knew, be sent in at least a month before action. This being so, the Registrar found for the plaintiff on the claim, and struck out the counter-claim."

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I HAVE pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that an interesting course of lectures on "First Aid to Injured," in connection with the National Health Society, has commenced at 7, St. James's Square, S.W., kindly lent by Lady Egerton of Tatton. A distinguished audience attended the first of the series recently held, amongst whom were Lady Egerton of Tatton, the Princess Victor of Hohenlohe and her daughters, the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Egerton, Lady Margaret Byng, the Countess F. V. Gleichen, Lady Ebrington, Lady Constance Barnes, Lady Birkbeck, Lady Frances Fortescue, Lady William Seymour, Hon. Mrs. Mark Napier, the Baroness de Brien, and many others. The lecturer was Mr. Owen Lankester; and the lecture was illustrated by diagrams, models, &c. The lectures will be continued every Thursday until April 1. The proceeds are used for giving free lectures upon sanitary matters amongst the poor. All applications should be made to the Secretary, 44, Berners Street, W.

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THE *Lynn Advertiser* supplies me with this, and I wonder what it is all about. Perhaps some of my readers in that district can furnish me with some particulars.

THE HOSPITAL NURSES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I did not leave the Hospital because I was not able to continue my duties; I was both able and willing. After being there so many years, I felt great pain in being obliged to leave to make way for the change that was being made. I have no one to help me. Have had to get a home for myself. I must work for my living, I have no other means. I am thankful I have found work to do for a time, but would much rather have stayed at the Hospital, as the work there was certain, and this is so uncertain. As I shall have to work or starve, I do not wish it to be thought I am not able. Please find space for this in your paper, and oblige

Yours obediently,

11, Stanley Street.

NURSE HUDSPETH.

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THE East London Nursing Society has a record of almost "monumental" work to announce, no less than 82,389 visits being recorded. Four Matrons and twenty-five Nurses accomplished all this, and managed it with a balance of funds to the credit of the Society.

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THE York Home for Nurses last year had a balance on the wrong side of the account-books, amounting to no less than £50. I am very pleased to hear that this year all the deficit has been wiped out and the sum of £37 placed to the good. I am equally delighted, also, that Mr. S. W. North had a few eloquent, telling words to say on behalf of the Nurses engaged in the work there.

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THERE is surely something in the following plaintive wail from the *Lady's Pictorial* :—"Why, I wonder, should a Nurse's outdoor attire include a long gossamer veil at the back of her bonnet, serving no conceivable purpose of use or ornament? I lately followed two young women of this vocation whose veils lashed each other's faces with provoking pertinacity, or flew out behind them like sails, dragging their bonnets in the most uncomfortable manner. Nurses are said to need the protection of a uniform in the rough places they visit, but surely a dress may be distinctive without being inconvenient and ugly. Another outrage against common sense in their attire is a band of fine white muslin or lawn coming from under the bonnet, folded like a bandage behind the ears and tied under the chin—a style of swathing-up possibly becoming to some faces, but most unpleasantly suggestive to the imaginative mind."

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PATIENT: "Doctor, I can't sleep at night. I tumble and toss until morning." DOCTOR: "H'm, that's bad. Let me see your tongue. (After diagnosis)—Physically you are all right. Perhaps you worry over that bill you've owed me for the past two years."

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