

"THE British Nursing Association, which has been established upon an influential basis, is making satisfactory progress. Its main object is to provide for the Registration of all Trained Nurses as a means of protecting the public against charlatans and impostors—that is, persons who cannot claim to be efficient in the duties and who do not possess the necessary qualifications of a Nurse. The Association reasonably contends that every skilled profession has a Register of its members, setting forth their qualifications and training; and seeing that the work of a Nurse is essentially skilled labour, it cannot be doubted upon these grounds that the public would derive benefit from the fulfilment of the scheme. Since the Association has opened the Registry it is stated that already many hundreds of applications have been received for enrolment from Trained and Certificated Hospital Nurses; and, later on, when the Register has been duly formed, it is proposed to ask the Privy Council to grant a legal status and authority to the work. The first promulgation of the scheme was met with opposition from certain members of the Medical profession, and a really determined effort was made to render the scheme abortive. The reason of this was that distrust was felt in regard to the effect of Registration upon the Nurses. It was supposed that the Nurses would presume upon the fact that they held something in the nature of a diploma to tend the sick, and this state of things could only result in bringing the former into conflict with the Medical man at the bedside of the patient. However, nothing has come of this opposition, and apparently the opponents of the scheme have, as far as they are concerned, allowed the matter to drop."

I AM glad to be able to announce that the annual garden party will be held to-morrow (Friday) in the grounds of the Cancer Hospital, Brompton. An attractive programme of instrumental music has been arranged; and from what I can learn respecting the manner in which the invitations have been accepted, a successful and enjoyable afternoon can be looked for.

MISS CARROLL, I am pleased to be able to announce, has been elected Matron of the Hospital, Tewkesbury, succeeding Miss Kayes in the post. Miss Carroll received her training at the Adelaide (Medical and Surgical Nursing) and Sir Patrick Dun's (Midwifery) Hospitals, Dublin, and enters upon her duties armed with most excellent testimonials as to her work in every branch, and has the undoubted advantage of being, where appointments are concerned, a member of the British Nurses' Association.

WHILST mentioning the B.N.A., I should like to know, if possible, from the officers of this Institution the number of those who, since being Members, have obtained appointments. It seems to me—who have had the chronicling of these for the last two years in the "Echoes" column—that at least ninety-eight out of every hundred appointments fall into the hands of those who are privileged to put the distinctive initials B.N.A. after their names. Significant facts like these speak for themselves, and are more effective than columns of paragraphic argument.

OUR readers have from time to time written stating that the *Nursing Record* would be more greatly appreciated if it was sold at one penny instead of twopence, as at present. Whilst appreciating every suggestion likely to meet the views of Nurses, I am requested to state that it is utterly impossible to comply with such request, much as it would have pleased those interested to have been able to do so. But I am able to state that, as soon as is possible, the *Nursing Record* will be *permanently* increased eight pages, in order to enable certain features of Nursing work to be dealt with, which cramped space at present prevents. Therefore, if it cannot be made the cheapest in price, it shall be made the biggest and *best* for the money.

MISS HEADDON has at last incorporated the National Domestic and Technical College, Newnham-on-Severn, under the Companies' Act, and, from what I gather from a preliminary and proof prospectus, there is promised a good investment for anyone desiring to take an interest in such work. The prospectus is a modest but business-like document, graced with names which are quite a sufficient guarantee that the whole scheme will be carried on in a business-like manner. The London depôt is 99, New Oxford Street, W.

I WOULD respectfully venture to draw my readers' attention to the Prize Essay Competition, which is announced in another portion of the *Record*. Already a number of "cases" have been sent in, and there is evidence of this competition proving of as much interest and obtaining as much attention as previous ones. Every Nurse surely has some record of "cases" by her or at hand.

I AM informed that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has fixed Thursday, 24th of July, for laying the foundation stone of the new building for the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, on which occasion the Princess of Wales has consented to receive purses containing £5 5s. and upwards for the Royal Foundation Fund.

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