

majority concealed their wish to discuss the paper with the greatest success. Miss Wood, Miss Hope, and Miss Graham were the only speakers. Votes of thanks to Miss Hope for taking the chair, and to Miss Mollett for her paper, were heartily accorded, and the meeting then concluded.

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So Registration is at last an accomplished fact. I hear that the necessary forms of application and the regulations have been sent this week to every member of the British Nurses' Association, accompanied by a circular letter from the Secretary, which I give here for the benefit of any of my readers who do not belong to the B.N.A. :—

DEAR MADAM,—I am desired to inform you that a representative Registration Board has now been appointed to undertake the work of the Registration of Nurses, and that the Register will be forthwith opened. It is proposed to enrol Members of this Association without the payment of a fee, provided that they make application for Registration according to the accompanying Regulations, before March 1, 1890, and that their testimonials are in every respect satisfactory to the Board. After this date—and at once to all who are not Members of the Association—a fee of half a guinea will be charged for Registration.

The value of the Register to Nurses, I may remind you, is, that it will furnish to the public a guarantee that all whose names are therein recorded are efficient Nurses—not semi-trained, or altogether ignorant women, who in such large numbers are now imposing upon the public, and taking work and remuneration from Trained Nurses. The matter is now in the hands of Nurses themselves. Only by their individual efforts can success be gained, and your active advocacy of Registration amongst your friends is therefore asked for your own sake, and for the future welfare of the profession of Nursing.

I am, dear Madam, yours faithfully,
CATHERINE J. WOOD, *Secretary*.

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I HEAR that every application for Registration will be carefully scrutinised, and special inquiries made in every case before the Nurse's name is entered on the Register, so that we shall soon hear what the influential Medical men and Matrons composing the new Registration Board think of the "scum of the Nursing profession." It is reported, by-the-bye, that the authors and promulgators of this expression have not heard the last of it. For my part, I wonder that any Member of the B.N.A. with any self-respect ever buys or even reads a paper which so frequently insults her and her associates. I am glad to know that very many have ceased to do so.

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OUR ingenious contemporary *Invention* has recently issued, as a supplement, "The Railway Servants' Eye Test," which is modified after the regulations issued from the Horse Guards, by Professor Longrave, and is a means of ascertaining "length of sight," and the condition of each eye

in regard to this and colour blindness. I must congratulate the enterprising journal upon the very excellent manner in which it has produced a well-coloured reliable test, which cannot fail to be of service to those interested in the mechanism of the optics.

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I AM asked to announce that Miss Sheehy has chosen as her prize in the fourteenth Essay Competition, for her contribution entitled, "The best and most complete collection of (alphabetically arranged) terms (from any source) used in Nursing, giving as far as possible their origin and meaning," "The Hundred Greatest Men"; whilst Miss Emily Irwin Knight has selected, as the winner of the fifteenth competition—"The best and most graphic story suitable for Christmas-time, to be based upon actual facts, or to contain records of personal experiences in connection with Nursing or Hospital work"—"Hartshorne's Household Medicine"; and Miss Helen Foggo-Thomson has chosen for her "consolation" prize, in the same competition, "Holmes' Poetical Works," all of which have been despatched to these successful ladies, who have my best congratulations.

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By a typographical error I was made to say in these columns, in the issue of the 16th inst., when alluding to the tea given by the Lady Superintendent of the Perth Sick Poor Nurses' Home, *Miss Boulty*. It should of course read *Sister Boulby*.

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HAD space permitted the insertion of any "Echoes" in last week's number, I should naturally have mentioned the appointment of Miss Evelina Bishop to the Matronship of St. Albans Hospital. Miss Bishop trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and before the completion of the usual period of three years received the post of Charge Nurse, holding that office until about eighteen months ago, when, owing to her success in gaining the premier certificate in Nursing, Miss Bishop was appointed Assistant Matron, which post she relinquishes in order to take up her duties at St. Albans. The Committee of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary very much regret the loss of Miss Bishop's services to that Institution, and wish her every success in her new sphere of work.

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AND I should, at the same time, have mentioned that Miss Edith Mawe has obtained the appointment of Sister-in-Charge to the Gibraltar Civil Hospital. Miss Mawe left England on Friday last per P. and O. *Arcadia*. Miss Mawe received her training in the North, afterwards

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