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It is to be hoped these patriotic women have secured the services of some thoroughly trained nurses—sympathy and kindness of heart are very acceptable, but knowledge and professional skill is what the sick soldier requires and deserves, when out of the fighting line.

Mrs. Hecht, chairman of the Leith Hill Women's Suffrage Society, has sent to *The Standard* the following interesting extract from a letter by John Stuart Mill to Florence Nightingale. Mrs. Hecht writes:

Some discussion has taken place in your invaluable "Woman's Platform" whether J. S. Mill, were he now alive, would still be a suffragist. Perhaps this extract from a letter written in his name by his step-daughter to Florence Nightingale may be of interest:—

Where there is life there is egoism, and if men were to abolish every unjust law to-day, there is nothing to prevent them from making new ones to-morrow, and moreover, what is of still greater importance, new circumstances will constantly be arising for which fresh legislation will be needed. And how are you to ensure that fresh legislation will be just, unless you can either make men perfect or give women an equal voice in their affairs? I leave you to judge which is easiest."

The Barnstaple Nursing Association, according to the report presented at the annual meeting, continues its excellent work. The committee expressed once more its warm appreciation of the devotion of Miss Adeline Haynes, the Queen's Nurse, to her duties. From the report of Miss Haynes we learn that the total cases nursed since 1898 amounted to 3,340, the visits numbering 37,112: a wonderful record. We are not surprised that the chairman expressed the opinion that the work done by Miss Haynes was one of the town's greatest assets. That it is realised to be so, the generous support given to the Association proves. The subscriptions last year were £82 10s. against £79 4s. in 1910, the donations £45 16s. 2d. against £29 9s. 6d., and boxes £17 4s. 1d. against £10 4s. 9d.; a gratifying increase in each item. The ladies of the town were thanked for their sympathetic interest and generous gifts in kind.

The quarterly report of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses states that there are now 354 Queen's nurses working under 224 affiliated Associations affiliated to the Scottish Branch of the Institute. The Scottish Council are directly responsible for

the staff, for the training and inspection of all the nurses who pass through the Scottish District Training Home, also for five Queen's nurses and twenty-one Queen's candidates at present undergoing special training in district nursing. During the three months, nine nurses completed the six months' special training, seven were engaged by local Committees at Troon, Dunbar, Perth, Brechin, Tighnabruaich, Kilmenny (Islay), and Glencorse. A new branch was formed at Tighnabruaich under the Argyll County Nursing Association. Two additional Queen's nurses were also appointed to work as health visitors in the Middle Ward of the county of Lanark. The inspectors made forty-nine visits to nurses in local branches, and reports were forwarded to the respective local Committees. During the three months 1,497 cases were attended by the nurses from 29, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, involving 29,597 nursing visits.

Mlle. C. Gagnerin writes in *La Source*, the organ of the nursing school at Lausanne:—"A group of members of the association of nurses of *La Source* desire that its statutes should be revised, so that this association, enlarging its borders, may be represented at Congresses of Nurses. I have refused to join this group for the following reasons—

"Firstly, a true nurse has too much to do, and her work is too absorbing for her to be able, usefully, to take part in Congresses. We cannot delegate amateurs, who, not understanding the exigencies and grandeur of our profession, would represent us badly.

"Secondly, I do not see the use of Congresses for Nurses.

"The object of a Congress is to make public discoveries and inventions of great importance. Now what new thing can a nurse say? If at Congresses we could be inspired with more compliance, more modesty, or good will, they would certainly be useful to us, but these qualities have not been gained to be put in the light.

"Through Congresses we endeavour to obtain increase of salaries, and decrease of work. Are these noble ideals?

"It appears to me that we shall gain more approbation by accomplishing our work as discreetly, and as well as possible each day, than by grouping under a flag our proud pretensions."

We hope the more progressive members of the Association will succeed in their endeavour to obtain the right to representation and association with their colleagues at professional Congresses. Nothing is more beneficial and inspiring, especially to cramped minds.

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