

nothing but good words for its past year of excellent work. In 1883-4 its membership was 222, receipts £391, balance £67; 1889-90, members 600, receipts £2,005, balance £1,122. I hope to see the day when every lease or agreement for letting houses or any other building, for either man or beast, shall contain a clause certifying to the proper sanitary condition of such building, and further, that it shall be at the option of both tenant and landlord to have a periodical examination of the structure, say once in every five years. I know that this is looked upon as being almost heretical by the jerry-builders and "lag-behinds," for I have made it before, at other times and in other journals, and have been laughed at for my pains, but such a great desideratum is coming—as certain as I write this—sooner or later, and the North-Eastern Sanitary Association has done much, and is doing more, towards the reaching of such an ideal of sanitary perfection. The report is not of the usual humdrum class, as reports generally are, and is well worth reading.

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I DON'T like thrusting forward religious opinions or suggestions, but I am heartily glad to see the following. It has been my endeavour since the very first day, commencing with the very first number, I became connected with the *Nursing Record*, to impress upon everybody, as strongly as I possibly can, or could, the necessity for "breadth" in such matters, for until we have broader views firmly and strongly established, the noble, aye! almost Divine work of Nursing and tending the sick will always remain somewhat under a cloud.

NONCONFORMIST NURSES.

To the Editor of the "Christian World."

SIR,—It may interest those churches that have adopted a similar course to know that we are making our Hospital Collections on Sunday next, instead of on the Hospital Fund Sunday in June, and that the proceeds will be given to those hospitals only in which Nonconformist Nurses are received upon the staff on an equal footing with Nurses of other religious persuasions and with perfect liberty to select the religious teaching most in harmony with their personal convictions. We have a small list of such hospitals, and if any of your readers can suggest others coming within the category we shall be happy to include them.—I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

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I congratulate Mr. Halsey upon his courage, and hope that the example he has set may be followed by many others.

S. G.

It is not the least advantage of friendship that by communicating our thoughts to another we render them distinct to ourselves and reduce the subjects of our sorrow and anxiety to their just magnitude for our own individual contemplation.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

LADIES AND WOOD-CARVING.

In these days, when what to do to earn a livelihood is a momentous question, many a young girl turns her thoughts, if of artistic mind, to wood-carving. A School of Wood-carving, in connection with the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, has been established at the City and Guilds Technical Institute, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, S.W. Its success has been proved by its having been found necessary lately to add a new class-room, and the school can now accommodate about sixty pupils. Miss Eleanor Rowe is the manager, and it is mainly to her talents and efforts the school owes its progress. Both men and women are taken as pupils, and work in the same rooms, for this, in Miss Rowe's opinion, "is the surest way of bringing out the best capabilities of each." Classes are held during the day in the school from ten to one, and from two to five, except on Saturdays, and in the evening from 7.30 to 9.30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; also for the evening students on Saturday afternoons. The fees are—for day students, £2 per month, and £5 per quarter; for evening, fifteen shillings per month, and £2 per quarter. The rate is, however, reduced for yearly students. The full course extends from three to five years, according to the talent of the pupil. Twelve free scholarships are equally divided between day and evening students, but they are intended only "for persons of the industrial class, who are intending to earn their living by wood-carving." With regard to the prospects of lady students, Miss Rowe thinks there is little possibility of their being able to compete with men, whose greater physical strength avails them here, while the workshops are, and are likely to remain, closed to them; also, owing to the amount of manual labour involved in the work, it has been found that women cannot either work so long or so fast as men, even when they may theoretically understand their work better. But several ladies, formerly pupils of this school, are doing very well as teachers of wood-carving. Two have permanent situations at Kirkby Lonsdale and Macclesfield, whilst many others find remunerative employment by teaching this craft in many of the large provincial towns during the winter months. But in each case a knowledge of design is combined with a mastery of wood-carving. Many of the old students are employed in the school, but by the piece, and not for fixed salaries. The remuneration for teachers averages from twenty-five shillings to

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