

entirely sympathise with his views, and admire his intense energy, I must here copy his recent letter from the *British Medical Journal*.

"SIR,—Anyone who reads between the lines of the Midwives' Registration Bill must see that it will, for all practical purposes, repeal the Medical Act. That Act lays it down that if any person wishes to practise any branch of medicine, such person must hold three registrable qualifications—namely, in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery. But by this Midwives' Bill a person will be able to practise Midwifery, if such person has a diploma of Midwifery. It has been suggested that this new Midwifery practitioner is to attend natural labours only; that is nine hundred and ninety out of every one thousand. But, mark, this Bill does not say that this new Midwifery practitioner is not to conduct abnormal labours. It does not say that she is not to vaccinate or prescribe for mother and infant. Therefore, I trust that each Doctor will do his best to kill this infamous Bill, and will at once write to the member of Parliament for his division to oppose it. I shall be glad to offer any suggestions to those who wish to do so. The worst fault of this Bill is that in future the training of the student in practical Midwifery will be placed in the hands of the Midwives, for they will attend all those who are now treated by Doctors."

I HAVE received a circular, entitled, "An Open Letter," in which is advocated the erection of public lavatories for ladies in various parts of the Metropolis. I should have thought that the great importance of this subject to the whole Metropolis was such, that there would not have been the slightest possible difficulty in the matter. Perhaps the London County Council, now that it has done with the absorbing question of the inspection of female acrobats' backs, may be induced to give the matter its most urgent consideration.

I AM glad to again note Sister Mary's and Clara's enterprise in the establishment of a Nurses' Home. I hear that the energetic ladies connected with this Institution have been obliged to move into a larger house (and to the advantage of everybody) close to the well-known "Leas" at Folkestone. So greatly appreciated was the "Home" last summer that an additional house had to be hired in order to provide the necessary accommodation for those who required rest and bracing air. I would suggest that all those Nurses and others interested, who contemplate their holidays by the sea during the coming season, should write at once making application

for accommodation, as it is just possible they might be disappointed, when the time of their holiday arrives, in finding the "Home" full.

I AM asked to state that the Right Hon. Lord Reay, G.C.S.I., has consented to preside at a festival in aid of the funds of the North London or University College Hospital, on Tuesday, April 28th, 1891, at seven p.m., at the Hotel Metropole.

I HAVE received a copy of the first number of *Song and Speech*, edited by Mr. Josiah Richardson. It is practical and full of good hints, and should be of great service to all those interested in the cultivation of the voice, whether for singing or speaking.

THE report which recently appeared in the *Nightingale* (U.S.A.) to the effect that Miss Lückes, the Matron of the London Hospital, has resigned is, I note, contradicted in the last issue of that journal. If I might be allowed to make a suggestion, it is that there is no desire for the resignation of any particular official connected with that Institution. What is solely required, which I hear is now being done, is that a thorough investigation and reform should take place in the whole system of its Nursing and sanitary arrangements. When these are completed, the *Nursing Record* will be the first to congratulate everybody concerned.

I HAVE much pleasure in being able to announce the appointment of Miss A. A. Gwyn to the important post of Matron to the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate (containing one hundred and twenty-five beds). Miss Gwyn received her training at Winchester, Netley, and St. Bartholomew's Hospitals; was afterwards Assistant Sister at Winchester; Temporary Matron at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and the Worcester General Infirmary. Miss Gwyn, therefore, brings a ripe and varied experience to her new sphere of work, in which I wish her the heartiest possible success. Miss Gwyn is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

I AM also pleased to be able to note the appointment of Miss E. Hebbend to the Matronship of the Kenilworth Convalescent Home. Miss Hebbend entered the Training Institution for Nurses, Birmingham, in 1872; afterwards joining the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, being engaged there eighteen months, training for Medical, Surgical, and Fever Nursing. Afterwards Miss Hebbend spent six months in the

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