

- (5) That in case of assistance being needed, a Nurse or Nurses help the Porter to carry a patient to a Ward, or to the operating Theatre, or in case of death to the Mortuary.
- (6) That every Nurse has a day's rest once a month.
- (7) That every servant has a half-day off, commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon, once a month.
- (8) That the Matron read prayers at a quarter past nine to the Nurses and servants of the household.
- (9) That everyone retires to her bedroom at ten o'clock.
- (10) That the lights be out by eleven.
- (11) That once yearly the Matron, House Surgeon, and Sister have a month's holiday, the Assistant Nurses three weeks, and the Probationers and servants a fortnight. Every inmate of a Hospital is bound to keep the rules, however distasteful they may be.

"Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die."

In a Hospital, as in the Army, obedience is the great law of order, and those who have learnt silently and faithfully to obey, have learnt the most difficult and honourable lesson which Nature teaches us.

"And with joy the stars perform their shining,
And the sea its long moon-silver'd roll;
For self-poised they live, nor pine with noting
All the fever of some differing soul.
Bounded by themselves, and unregardful
In what state God's other works may be,
In their own tasks all their powers pouring,
These attain the mighty life you see."

NURSING ECHOES.

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I HOPE members of the R.B.N.A. fully recognise and appreciate the generous support of the Editor of the *Lancet* in this critical period of its history. It is an interesting fact that the late Mr. Wakley—father of the present editor—fought most valiantly with his able pen for Medical reform some forty years ago, and materially helped to accomplish the Registration of Medical Men.



"History repeats itself," and Nurses cannot be too grateful for the kindly remarks of the leading medical Journal. Criticising the "blast and counterblast" of the R.B.N.A. and its opponents, which appeared in most of the papers last week, the *Lancet* says:—"The discussion which has arisen concerning the application made on behalf of this institution to the Board of Trade for leave to register without the word "limited" as a part of its title has now received formal expression in two letters which have already appeared in the daily press, and will be found to-day in another column. The party of the opposition do not, indeed, lay down the grounds upon which they proceed; on the contrary, they adopt the view that it is not necessary 'at the present moment' to discuss these matters, and they accordingly confine themselves to a statement of the perfectly well-known fact that they do oppose. It is, no doubt, their business to judge of the proper time and mode of putting their arguments forward; but we for our part cannot pretend to understand this somewhat enigmatic reference to the requirements of the hour. We should have supposed that the occasion of announcing the opposition would be the most suitable occasion for adducing arguments in support of it. One consequence of their declining the controversy in this way is that the supporters of the institution are left, for the present at least, in possession of the field, and no one who is swayed by the arguments put forward in the two manifestoes which we to-day publish will hesitate to lend his sympathies to the promoters of the application. Indeed, a careful reading of the letter emanating from their opponents leads us to suspect that even its signatories have not in every instance paid minute attention to what they have been asked to authenticate. For example, there is a eulogistic reference to 'the guidance of his Grace the Duke of Westminster' in connection with the management of the Lady Bloomfield Fund, which stands curiously over the duke's signature, and is certainly by no means in the approved form of polite letter writing. If signatures have been appended by inadvertence one can without difficulty understand that a number of distinguished persons may have signed what they will find it hard to justify. And this appears the more probable when it is borne in mind that the signatures in question are with one exception those of persons unconnected with the medical profession."

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THE press still continues to express favourable opinions concerning the work of the Royal British Nurses' Association. The *Globe* says:—

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