

THE following is the shorthand writer's report of Lord Cranbrook's remarks, as published in the *British Medical Journal* of March 7, p. 543:— "With regard to the question of a Select Committee, he had not laid the matter before his colleagues, whom, of course, it would be necessary to consult, and he could, therefore, not give an answer that day. In the House of Commons the number of committees this year was very great; it would not be easy during the present session to get members for a committee of a character required for a measure so intricate. With respect to the House of Lords, there was a very large committee sitting, occupied in taking evidence in an inquiry into the Hospitals of London, and there again the same difficulty presented itself. Mr. Pease deserved great credit for endeavouring to solve a very difficult question, and one which he (the Lord President) frankly owned he thought would be easy to solve, but it was found that the difficulties grew so much upon them that he was obliged to say, speaking for the Government, that they could not this year support the Bill which Mr. Pease had brought forward; nor did he think there would be a chance to amend it this year to make it acceptable to the medical profession and to the public, and to do justice to the Midwives already in practice."

DR. ROBERT RENTOUL'S answer is to be found in another column, and we venture to think the evidence is complete.

MISS KEEVIL has been adjudged the successful candidate in the last (the twentieth) Post Card Examination, which had for its subject, "What would you do in a case of Epistaxis, or Bleeding from the Nose?" I heartily congratulate this lady, particularly in the face of the fact that it has been the severest competition of any yet offered, by far the greatest number of answers being received. I draw my readers' attention to the question set in this issue as well as to the Essay and the Special Prize Competitions; but above all things I should like to impress upon them the necessity of sending in their contributions *exactly* to the date given in the announcement. No less than five answers reached the office on Monday instead of Saturday morning in respect to the Post Card Examination, which rendered their chances of success absolutely *nil*.

DR. GRIFFITH, of the Zenana Medical College, asks us to announce, that, in connection with the Hospital for Women and Children, he is forming a Dispensing and Midwifery Class, &c., for men who are preparing to be Medical Missionaries, but who cannot afford fees.

I WAS not able to mention in last week's issue (because the news reached me too late) that the eleventh annual gathering of the Nurses of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association was held, on May 14, at the Nineteenth Century Art Society's Galleries, 9, Conduit Street, W., under specially favourable auspices, since H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide (Duchess of Teck) who is the President of the Association, and whose name the Nurses bear, had graciously consented to distribute the medals and gratuities to the Nurses. Fifty-eight Nurses assembled at seven o'clock, and were entertained at tea by the ladies of the Executive Committee, after which there were recitations and general conversation until the arrival of the Royal party at 8.30. H.R.H. was accompanied by the Princess Victoria of Teck and Lady Knutsford, and was received and escorted to the platform by the Hon. Mrs. J. G. Talbot, Lady Wantage, Lady Montagu, Miss Louisa Twining, and other members of the Executive Committee. Miss Twining, in a brief address, brought before the Nurses the objects of the Association and the special work for which they were trained, encouraging them to elevate their calling by their energy and devotion. The Hon. Sec., Miss Wilson, then called the Nurses forward by name and they were presented with their medals and gratuities by the Princess. Twenty Nurses had earned medals and twenty-seven were the recipients of gratuities; of the latter, four had served the Association for ten years, and these had each a special gift from the Executive Committee of a case of surgical instruments. The gathering broke up at 10.30, after a most enjoyable evening, the Princess remaining until quite late.

MISS WILSON, the secretary of the Association, although an advocate of the Registration of Midwives, is, as a member of the Midwives Institute, opposing the Registration of Trained Nurses. Nothing retards the progress of women so much as this pettifogging jealousy of one to another.

I CAN recommend my Nursing friends who wish to secure artistic photography, to apply to Mr. W. Ellis, 25, Clapton Square, London, E., who has been unusually successful in all kinds of out-door photography and interiors of buildings, including some well-known Metropolitan Hospitals. To members of Hospital and Asylum Boards Mr. Ellis will submit at any time his album of Hospital photographs, containing exterior and interior views of buildings, Hospital ships, and numerous groups of Medical and Nursing Staff,

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