

known throughout the Nursing world, not only for the professional eminence to which she has attained, but also for her literary abilities. And these three eminently representative members of the Association have, in the most unmistakable manner, to use the old-fashioned phrase, "taken up the gauntlet," because, from the first line of their remarkable letter to the last, it is hard heavy hitting. There cannot be the least doubt in anyone's mind after reading this most uncompromising document, as to two salient facts—that the writers intend to fight and that they are admirably qualified to do so. They have simply pulverised the petition to the Board of Trade, but they have gone further than that, and herein lies the danger we foresee. In unmistakable words they have called their opponents to the bar of public opinion to answer for their conduct to the Association, and it is clear that to that bar, they are fully determined that those opponents shall come. They formulate facts which will startle the whole medical profession in their charge against the London Hospital of opposing the Register because it would not contain the names of the Probationers whom the Hospital sends out to deceive the sick and make money for the Charity. They refer to the Blue Book for proof of their statements respecting the London Hospital, and they demand to know why the other Hospitals which they mention have conspired with it to oppose Registration. And so the bolt has fallen, and from all sides we hear of expressions of wonder or of resentment that great public Charities should, for some occult reason, be supporting the London Hospital in its deliberate deception of the public. From all sides we hear of expressions of sympathy for the Royal British Nurses' Association, and from all parts of the country we have received requests for information as to its work and constitution—

En passant we would advise the Association to advertise the place and price at which the Register can be obtained, as we have had many inquiries on the subject.

It is quite extraordinary how great an interest has been excited about the Royal British Nurses' Association, and in the question of Registration. It has so rapidly advanced into the area of popular interest, that it is difficult to believe that it is little more than three years ago, since the Association came into existence. With much respect, therefore, we venture to suggest that the Association has no reason to fear opponents who have proved themselves to be such useful advertisers

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and allies, and that therefore the Association, as it is undeniably strong, might be merciful and might refrain from defending itself further. We would urge that the few Hospitals which are opposing the Association are doing so, as is very well known, for reasons entirely personal to one or more of their respective officials. Is it not unjust that the guiltless should suffer with the guilty? If public opinion, which is fearfully fickle, is excited against any of our London Hospitals, their already straitened resources may suffer irretrievable damage. As we have many times pointed out, nothing would bring such absolute ruin—because such a complete cessation of their life-stream of charitable subscriptions—upon Hospitals, as would follow if the public mind became imbued with the belief that these Institutions were not only neglecting their proper function of caring for the sick poor, but were attempting to deceive those who support them. It has been our painful duty to point out the scandalous proceedings of the London Hospital, and we have frequently explained that we have done so because the facts had been made public by the House of Lords inquiry, and that if reform could be obtained at the largest Hospital in the kingdom, smaller Institutions would be compelled to follow suit. For the good of the many, we have confined our remarks, therefore, always to this one Institution, and shall continue to do so until reforms are effected. On the same ground we would earnestly express our hope that the defenders of the Association will not draw further attention to the facts connected with other Hospitals which, however notorious in professional circles, are fortunately not generally known amongst the public.

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CHAPTER II.—DUTIES AT BIRTH.

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