

patients first, but in a short time the better-class Egyptians will learn to appreciate the advantages good nursing is to everyone in the hour of sickness.

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SIR SYDNEY WATERLOW may be congratulated on having begun a great work in the land of the Nile; but it is interesting to notice how week by week one finds trained nursing advancing at home and abroad in influence and usefulness. Their work in such a new field will be watched with the greatest interest, and whoever are finally appointed will certainly carry with them the cordial sympathy and good wishes of the profession at home. It is reported that the Khedive gave his consent to this scheme being tried upon two conditions: that the English nurses should never make any attempt to teach Christianity to their native patients; and that no female nurse should attend on a male patient. The first is quite fair, but how long it will be before sick Egyptian gentlemen try to secure the services of English nurses remains to be seen.

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MISS CAROLINE GULL, the daughter of Sir William Gull, the well-known physician, who was trained as a nurse at Guy's, was married on Thursday last to Dr. Theodore Acland, at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street. The officiating clergy were the Bishop of Lincoln and the Rev. A. B. Cotton. The bride wore a dress of rich duchesse satin, elaborately trimmed with Irish lace, and a wreath of real orange blossoms. Her ornaments were pearls and diamonds. There were six bridesmaids, who were dressed alike in nun's veiling, trimmed with white moiré silk, and their bouquets were flame-coloured tulips, with pale spring green tied with pale green ribbons to match.

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I WOULD suggest that when any matron or sister obtains an appointment, she should send me a notice to that effect, stating where she was trained, and what appointments she has previously held; and I would embody this information either in these "Nursing Echoes," or if these communications were at all numerous, Mr. Editor has promised to give them a special column to themselves. I have just heard in connection with this matter, for example, that Miss Marie Loughlin has been appointed sister at the National Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Queen Square. She was trained at the Salop Infirmary, at Shrewsbury, and subsequently became the staff-nurse of Hope Ward, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

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THE British Nurses' Association is really doing its work very cleverly. Instead of rushing into a large and difficult scheme like the Registration of Nurses, and perhaps making any number of mistakes by over-haste, I hear that the Executive Committee are

holding drawing-room meetings to discuss the question in its many details, and so elicit the ideas of nurses, sisters, matrons, and medical men upon the matter. I was invited to be present at one of these which was held last week, and which was most interesting. The leader in the *Lancet* on the subject was read and freely discussed, and finally the proposal to have a General Nursing Council to undertake the management of the registration was unanimously approved. Incidentally, Mrs. Lankester mentioned a most interesting coincidence, viz., that thirty years ago similar meetings of medical men were held at her late husband's house, to consider the details of the then much opposed scheme for obtaining a register for medical men, which of course was finally successful.

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THIS article in the *Lancet* to which I have just referred is well worthy of careful perusal by every nurse. It gives ungrudging testimony to the great improvement of late years, both in nursing and in the social position of nurses; insists, of course, that the control of medical men over nurses cannot be questioned without the gravest results to the public; and after pointing out that the registration of nurses is now in the region of practical politics, suggests that the best method of establishing State Registration of Nurses would be by the creation of a General Nursing Council to carry it into effect.

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A VERY sensible idea is reported from St. George's. Meetings are to be held there on the 26th and 27th inst., at nine p.m., when Mr. Brudenell Carter will explain to the nurses what are the exact objects of the National Pension Fund and of the British Nurses' Association respectively. No one could possibly do this better than Mr. Carter, for he is on the Executive of each body. It is much more sensible and straightforward to thus go direct to the nurses, who are quite capable of judging what is good for themselves if they are told in plain language what any given scheme means, and who as educated women decidedly object to be legislated without any reference to their own wishes and wants, as seems to be done at some institutions, which might learn a useful lesson from the present action of St. George's authorities. H. R. H. Princess Christian, will I hear, be present at the first meeting, and once more evince the keen interest she always takes in nursing matters.

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"THERE are three things which seem to be at the basis of healthy recreation—first, uncertainty; second, wonder; third, exercise of skill, whether mental or bodily, in something unlike the ordinary day's work. In the every-day region there is very little uncertainty. We know what the work will be, and how it will end, and that it is sure to be much the same as on the preceding day."—*Sir J. Paget.*

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