

fare of the community, and will at the same time seriously interfere with the education of both male and female Medical Students.

Soliciting your careful perusal of the above, and awaiting your reply, we have the honour to be, dear Sir, your obedient servants,

A. WAHLTUCH, M.D., *President*.
F. H. COLLINS, M.D., }
F. M. PIERCE, M.D., } *Hon. Secretaries.*

16, St. Ann's Passage, Manchester, January 22, 1891.

LEGAL OPINION OF AN EMINENT BARRISTER-AT-LAW,
DECEMBER 29, 1890.

1.—If the Midwives' Registration Bill become law, a Registered Midwife, who has been granted a "certificate" by a County Council, will possess a "medical diploma," as defined by Section 27 of the Medical Act of 1886.

2.—A Registered Midwife will also be able to style herself "Midwifery Practitioner."

3.—A Registered Medical Practitioner will have power to employ a Midwife as his *legally qualified Assistant* in Midwifery.

4.—It will not prevent a Midwife from prescribing medicines, using forceps, turning, or performing other Midwifery operations; vaccinating and treating complaints of women and children.

5.—It does not make it illegal for a Midwife to employ an unqualified Assistant.

6.—It does not make it illegal for a woman who is not educated and registered to practise Midwifery.

7.—It does not make it illegal for a Midwife, who has been removed from the register, to practise Midwifery.

8.—It does not make it illegal for a Registered Midwife to conduct abnormal labours, and to ask and accept fees for so doing.

9.—According to the definition of the expression "Medical Corporation," as defined in Section 27 of the Medical Act of 1886, "County Councils" will claim, and may be allowed, to be "Medical Corporations."

10.—This being so, a "Medical Corporation," granting diplomas in medicine and surgery, would, by Section 3 of the Medical Act of 1886, have the *right* to combine with County Councils, and to recognise their diploma as granted to practise Midwifery, and to register *it along with* the medical and surgical diplomas in the medical register.

[We are glad to be informed that a copy of the above has been forwarded to every Member of Parliament in Lancashire and Cheshire, and also to the medical and general press.—ED.]

PADDINGTON GREEN HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—It was with some surprise and no little regret that I saw the publication of my letter in your issue of the 29th. In the event of the Paddington Green Hospital Committee deciding the matter to be unworthy of investigation, I intended appealing to your kindness for aid in compelling inquiry, and therefore felt it only fair that the facts should reach you at first hand. While asking you to record my sister's death, I desired, for the present, no comment upon the attendant circumstances, as I had resolved to place the matter before the Hospital Committee. But I presume I did not make my intention sufficiently clear, and therefore the blame of (premature) publication must rest upon myself.

You will be glad to know that the Committee have met my request in a spirit of impartiality, and have decided, after due deliberation, to institute a searching inquiry into the facts as placed before them. We may therefore venture to hope that the necessity for reform being in due course recognised, and the (only) object of the present exposé attained, this most painful matter may be allowed to drop into oblivion.

Meanwhile I am sure no one will more strongly deprecate

any injury to the good work of the Hospital than yourself, and therefore I ask that in common fairness to the authorities all criticism and comment may be reserved until after the conclusion of the inquiry. May I add that to the chairman of the Paddington Green Hospital Committee my sincere thanks are due for the kind courtesy he has shown throughout the correspondence? Trusting you will favour me by the insertion of this letter in your next issue,—I remain, Sir, very truly yours,

C. CONINGSBY.

11, Himley Road, Tooting Junction, Jan. 31, 1891.

[We have very great pleasure in inserting our correspondent's letter, and beg to assure her that we have not the slightest desire, nor do we intend, to criticise any Hospital or Institution which, when abuses are suggested or pointed out, have the sagacity, respect for the public, and courage to institute inquiry and provide remedies. It is the supine and indifferent committees that we shall from time to time deal with.—ED.]

GLOSSARY OF MEDICAL TERMS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Could you, through your valuable paper, the *Nursing Record*, tell me where I could get a glossary of medical terms—not too expensive a book? I take up the *Nursing Record* and find it a most useful and interesting book.—Yours, &c.,

A DEVONSHIRE NURSE.

[A very useful little book, entitled "A Pocket Medical Lexicon," by John M. Keating, M.D., and Henry Hamilton, will, we think, answer your purpose. It is published by H. K. Lewis, 136, Gower Street, W.C.—ED.]

LONDON HOSPITAL SCANDALS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—There is one point concerning the London Hospital that I wish you would keep well before the public, that is the shocking mortality amongst the Nurses. I know of five who died in 1890—Misses Bishop, Edwards, Aris and Forsdick, and a Probationer, whose name I forget. The authorities of the Hospital may deny the accusation made by Miss Yatman that much of the illness was caused by dilapidated drains and the consequent escape of sewer gas. But the truth of the accusation is proved by the fact that a conscientious member of the Committee has insisted upon the drains being overhauled, with the result that £7,000 is now being spent in putting them into a sanitary condition.—I am, &c.,

A LATE PAYING PRO.

THE POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Thank you very much for the book, which I received safely. It is just what I wanted, and am most pleased with it.—Yours very faithfully,

NURSE WOODFORD.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Many thanks for books safely received. They will be interesting.—Yours truly,

A. ROBINSON.

3, Charles Street, Kilmarnock.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I beg to return my most sincere thanks for the lovely parcel of books received on Saturday last. I am delighted with the "Gentle Life Series," and shall endeavour to purchase by degrees the whole series, also the one "How to Live Long." In future, what prizes I give to the Nurses I shall send for from these series.—Again thanking you, I remain, dear Sir, yours obediently,

J. G. TAYLOR, *Matron*.

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