

on her part. Miss Heanley's light has hitherto glimmered somewhat under a bushel at Boston, and she naturally did not feel that her solitary denunciation of the *Nursing Record* would carry much weight. She therefore desired that the Royal British Nurses' Association should pass a Resolution expressing her feelings. She had the wisdom to send the Editor a copy of her Resolution, and thereby, probably, saved herself considerable trouble and expense, the words being distinctly defamatory. The Editor's Solicitors consequently wrote to Miss Heanley and to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, stating that if the defamatory words contained in this Resolution were publicly uttered by her, and endorsed by the Association by passing the Resolution, legal proceedings would be at once commenced. At the meeting, the latter letter was read, and those present, with only two dissentients, declined to allow Miss Heanley to drag them into legal difficulties. But Miss Heanley bitterly complained that the Editor had dared to defend himself. This lady's innocence in these wicked days is delightful. She evidently imagined that the Editor would fold his hands and allow her to publicly attack the *Nursing Record* without a protest. Failing in this, she sends an account of her proceedings to a paper which has never lost an opportunity of abusing the Association. My readers can, therefore, draw their own conclusions as to Miss Heanley's object and proceedings.

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I AM asked to state that the announcement of the successful candidate in the Twenty-fifth Post-card Examination will be made next week.

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I MUST congratulate Miss Sarah Clayton upon being the winner of the Twenty-fifth Prize Essay Competition, which had for its subject, "Give a History of the Work and Progress of Nursing during the Present Century." The competition was an unusually keen one, and Miss Clayton by her success becomes entitled to books of the value of one guinea.

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MRS. C. SKENE-KEITH, who was the successful candidate in the Twenty-fourth Post-card Examination, has chosen "Voice" (Song and Speech), by Browne and Behnke as her prize.

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IN respect to the recent Hospital scandals, the Local Government Board has given its decision in regard to the scandals lately investigated in connection with the Eastern Hospital of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The findings of the Board are very numerous, and completely justify the complaints that were made as to the

food supplied to the inmates. They show that there have been grave irregularities in the administration of the Hospital, and important changes are recommended in the staff. It was at this Hospital (says the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*) that a serious scandal arose a few years ago, and after the exposure that then occurred one is surprised to learn that things should so soon have got into a bad way.

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MR. JOSIAH OLDFIELD, M.A., B.C.L., whose energetic work is known to many of my readers, informs me the following questions have been submitted to the principal officers and members of the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, to which the various replies received appeared in the *Vegetarian* of Aug. 15, together with photos. Those opposed to vegetarianism are inserted, as well as those favourable, so that vegetarians are evidently not afraid of publicity. (1) In your opinion, to which of the great divisions of animals does man, judging from his present structure and organs, belong? (2) Do you consider that there is any difference of structure between the earliest known remains of man and the structure of the present man (*i.e.*, a radical difference as opposed to the variations which exist—*e.g.*, between different modern races)? (3) If different, have you any opinion as to the cause of change, whether influenced by food, and as to the tendency of the change—for better or for worse? (4) What is your opinion as to the evolution of disposition? Should the disposition of the perfect man contain that element of ferocity which perpetuates war, and the unnecessary taking of animal life? (5) Do you consider flesh food (chemically speaking) a necessary food for man? (6) Do you consider flesh food (physiologically speaking) the most fitting food for the human race? (7) What is your opinion as to the evils of private slaughter-houses, and the remedy you would propose? (8) Do you consider (looking at the extent to which animals are diseased, and the difficulties in the way of preventing diseased animals reaching the market under the existing system of imperfect supervision), that the present widespread ingestion of flesh is responsible to an appreciable extent for the diseases which exist? (9) Would you consider in the above context the special diseases of tuberculosis, and malignant tumours? (10) Would you consider man feasting on the results of the slaughter-house, or the products of the orchard, the more naturally beautiful for art or thought? (11) Would you advocate a wider

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