

Charter for the statutory incorporation under the Companies Act, to which the application to the Board of Trade recently made for a licence to Register a title without the word "Limited" was a preliminary. By a unanimous resolution the meeting decided to adopt this course, and thus the history of the Institution enters upon a new phase. We do not doubt that the Committee which has recommended the new departure has carefully considered the alternatives, and been well advised as to the choice to be made. But we should, for our part, have been well content to hear that the Society had determined to press its claim upon the Board of Trade, for a position more thoroughly indefensible was never taken up by a public officer than that assumed by Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH when he refused the application for a licence upon grounds of such a general character as those alleged in his communication to the Society. His treatment of the Institute of Preventive Medicine was at first equally perverse, but the firm attitude of the promoters induced him in the end to give way. It would, however, be very unreasonable to complain of the Association that it has declined a troublesome and disputatious course if an easier and simpler one be open to it. At the Privy Council Office there will be at least no mistake as to jurisdiction, and no attempt to adjudicate upon the merits of the application without hearing its promoters. In these circumstances the meeting had good ground for the tone of confidence which marked its proceedings, and it would not be surprising if in the end it should prove that the perversity of the Board of Trade turns to the advantage of the Association. In one respect it has done so already, for the PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has been induced to signify her approval of the Institution in a very emphatic way, and to renew a very effective support by announcing that she will head the application to the Privy Council with her own name. While the battle remains to be fought it would as yet be premature to congratulate the promoters of the Royal British Nurses' Association; but we certainly shall not condole with them upon events which, though apparently untoward, have so far had such excellent results."

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OUR influential contemporary, *The Provincial Medical Journal*, has also expressed its views recently on the Nursing question in the following terms:—

"The evolution of Nursing has been slow, but steady. The position which Nurses are now taking has been won by patient and conscientious work. Nurses have suffered to win for their sisters recognition, and to secure for them a deserving status. They have been patient and long suffering. In certain Institutions provision has been made for everyone and everything but the Nurses. They have, however, worked on without grumbling. In but too many Institutions Nurses have been but little better than white slaves. True to the traditions of the Profession, they have worked on without protest. We trust that we shall not have occasion in the future for such self-sacrifice. The sick cannot be tended without good Nurses, and they in return are entitled to as much consideration as the patients. Nurses should have no hesitation in making known any grievance, no matter how time-honoured it may seem to be. They owe it as a duty to their sisters to put an end to abuse. Grumbling is legitimate when there is injustice. The Press will very soon settle the question for them."

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THE result of the voting for the first Pension of the Association was no surprise to the staff of this Journal, as we had received a very large number of communications upon the subject, conclusively showing the general feeling upon the matter. Now that the affair is over, we would express the hope that, in future, the voting papers may be drawn up in a more businesslike manner. The stress that was laid upon the fact that one candidate had brought up and educated two sons aroused endless criticisms, and many of our correspondents asked whether it could be intended that the Pension of the Association was to aid in keeping the sons, or if not, why the sons were not assisting to keep their mother. Everyone will congratulate Nurse SANDFORD on the historical honour, as well as the pecuniary profit, of being the first PRINCESS HELENA Pensioner, while its Members all the world over will be glad to see this tangible proof of the success and usefulness of their Association.

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THE Sessional Meeting of the R.B.N.A., which will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening, at eight p.m., at 20, Hanover Square, promises to be most interesting. Miss LANDALE—a valued contributor to these columns—is announced to read a paper on "Nurses' Uniform and Dress," a subject of universal and perennial interest, and as Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK is, I hear, to take the chair, a good gathering and discussion may be safely anticipated.

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OUR remarks in a recent issue respecting the ridiculous assumption of medical knowledge on the part of the *Hospital*, and the dangerous prescriptions which it launches upon its still more foolish readers have caused no small amusement, it appears, amongst medical men and Trained Nurses, who do not peruse our comic contemporary. We have received several sarcastic epistles on the subject, for which we will find space as soon as possible. Meanwhile the following which appeared last week in the *Medical Press and Circular*, will show our readers that we by no means stand alone in our comments upon Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT:—

PRESCRIBING BY LAY PERSONS.

To the Editor of "The Medical Press and Circular."

Sir,—Your spirited contemporary, *The Nursing Record*, draws attention to a very happy piece of advice which appeared in the *Hospital* newspaper last week. Apparently the philosophical dictum of the lay editor was primarily intended to apply to Nurses, but it may be taken to heart by

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