

out of this, and upon which we trust the Association will take some very decided action, it is interesting to notice that the opponents of the Association are now actually driven feebly to contrast the final form of the Draft Charter with some wording which was employed when it began to be drafted three years ago! "How are the mighty fallen!" And Messrs. WAINWRIGHT and BONHAM-CARTER, whose letter to the papers we reprint elsewhere, trot out once more the same old hackneyed assertions which are now quite threadbare with use. They threaten to oppose the Association, and we cannot but express our sincere pleasure at the fact, because nothing could do the Association so much good, and obtain for it such great support and assistance, by enabling it publicly to show the necessity for its efforts at reform, and the manner in which it has been persecuted and vilified; and, on the other hand, nothing will so rapidly advance the institution of Nursing reforms as the scandals which will, doubtless, be disclosed.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

SOME months ago, we commented upon the curious connection which appears to exist between the prosperity of the Medical, and the Nursing, Schools attached to any Hospital. We pointed out how the unfortunate Nursing dispute at Guy's in 1879 and 1880 was immediately followed by a marked diminution in the number of students who entered its then most flourishing Medical School, and that it was some years before it regained its position. We prophesied, therefore, that the grave Nursing scandals at the London Hospital would have a far greater effect upon the Medical School of that Institution than any mere dispute could have caused. We were surprised, beyond measure, that its Medical Staff, for their own sakes, as well as for that of their Hospital, did not demand an immediate inquiry, and the institution of any reforms which were found to be necessary. Instead of taking this sensible—not to say straightforward—course without waiting even to hear the whole evidence against the Hospital management, they hurriedly passed a vote of confidence in anything and everything connected with the Nursing Department. They must now feel that they committed a grave mistake. As we have shown, reforms have been evidently carried out which were flatly denied to be necessary; but public confidence has been so shaken in the Institution and its Schools that the voluntary contributions, upon which it is mainly dependent, have fallen off last year, by more than one-fifth; the Nursing School receipts fell off by more than one-third; and the number of students entering the Medical School dropped to less than half the previous average, while the Hospital had to give a special grant of no less than £614 towards its support.

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A SCIENTIFIC COMEDY.

THE title of the latest publishing firm is the Scientific Press, Limited. It has issued a book, "The Nurse's Dictionary of Medical Terms and Nursing Treatment compiled for the use of Nurses and containing descriptions of the principal medical and Nursing terms and abbreviations, instruments, drugs, accidents, treatments, physiological names, operations, foods, appliances, &c., encountered in the Ward or sick room." That is the title of this first effort of the Scientific Press. We fail to find in this small volume with this large title, any description of how "drugs" or "physiological names" can be "encountered in the Ward or sick room," and, therefore, imagine that a knowledge of English is not considered necessary in publications issued by the Scientific Press. And we must clearly take our science undiluted by grammar. We open the book hap-hazard, and read as follows: "*Boracic Acid*: A mild antiseptic in the form of white crystals, used to impregnate lint and wool, which are coloured pink, to distinguish them." It would be interesting to know why white crystals are coloured pink, and from what they are to be distinguished. The aim of the compiler, we learn, "has been towards brevity and simplicity." The title is an excellent example of brevity, and here is a delightful instance of the simplicity: "*Adenotomy*: Cutting an adenocele with an adenotome (*sic*), or special instrument for the purpose." We venture to think that there are not two instrument makers in the kingdom who, if their lives depended upon it, could describe an "adenotome." The name of the authoress is Honnor Morten. We hope to indulge our readers with many further extracts from this comic production. To medical men who require some concentrated amusement, we cordially recommend this volume; but they will want "*Aliquant*—a very little" at a time.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after Monday, April 11th, the Offices of "The Nursing Record" will be at 376, Strand, London, W.C., where ALL communications must be addressed. Owing to the fact that during the last few months "The Nursing Record" has nearly doubled its circulation, it has been found necessary to secure the more central and commanding Offices as above. After this intimation, the Proprietors will not hold themselves responsible for any communications, &c., which may be wrongly addressed.

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