

shows how heavily the blow has fallen. Its reticence, therefore, is not strange at all; but it is highly significant.

#### MORE "SIGNIFICANT."

NEARLY three years ago, our influential contemporary *The Lancet* stated that there was a great professional demand for Registration of Nurses. Whereupon, a platonic protest against the system was drawn up and, to please the compilers, kindly signed by persons connected with a number of London and provincial Hospitals and Nursing Homes. This was carefully treasured and was solemnly trotted out again for the benefit of the Select Committee of the House of Lords, last summer. Now the time has come to see if it is worth the paper on which it was written, and we incline to think that it will prove to be of considerably less value. On the other hand, it is now manifest that *The Lancet* judged the situation, even three years ago, most accurately. The General Medical Council has expressed its opinion as to the value of Registration. To-day, the system is an accomplished fact and it is approved and supported by most of the leaders in the medical profession. We hear, from all sides, of medical men who are coming forward to express their opinion of the necessity for Registration, and finally that an influential body, like the General Practitioners' Alliance, was called together for the purpose of publicly considering the question, and that it unanimously passed a strong resolution in favour of the Royal British Nurses' Association, are facts which must be considered as most significant.

### Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has made a generous gift to the Infant Asylum at Hyères. In recognition of the interest shown in the Institution by the members of the British Colony, the committee solicited HER MAJESTY'S permission to designate the last-established bed by the name of some member of the Royal Family. In reply to this petition the QUEEN has remitted a sum of money sufficient to install four additional beds in the Hospital, signifying at the same time her wish that they should respectively bear the names of "Queen Victoria," "Princess Beatrice," "Duchess of Connaught," and "Princess Margaret Victoria of Connaught." HER MAJESTY'S benefaction, it is stated, is deeply appreciated by the people of Hyères.

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THE Committee of the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway Road, have decided to erect the additional wing, which will complete the new buildings as a memorial to the late DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE. Tenders for the work have been accepted, the cost of which, with the necessary furniture and fittings, will amount to about £30,000.

MISS GERTRUDE MOBERLY has been appointed Matron to the Eton College Fever Sanatorium. She was trained as a lady pupil at Guy's Hospital, and has gained further experience at the New Hospital for Women in the Euston Road.

THE Sub-Committee for Nursing, in connection with the Ladies' Committee on Women's Work for the Chicago Exhibition, will, I hear, consist of Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, Lady JEUNE, Mrs. PRIESTLEY, and Miss G. SHAW LEFEVRE; Mrs. HOLMES-SPICER, the wife of the well-known Ophthalmic Surgeon, has been appointed the Hon. Secretary to the Sub-committee. Mrs. HOLMES-SPICER, I believe, was a Probationer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

OUR influential contemporary, *The Hospital Gazette*, opines:—

"The Royal British Nurses' Association is to be congratulated on having obtained the unanimous verdict of the members of the General Practitioners' Alliance, in general meeting assembled at Exeter Hall on Tuesday last, in favour of the granting of the proposed Royal Charter of Incorporation. A copy of the Resolution passed at this meeting has been duly forwarded to Viscount CRANBROOK, the Lord President of the Privy Council, and I have no doubt that the favourable verdict of the 'Alliance' will go a long way to counteract the opposition of the handful of Hospital Surgeons and others who are working against the Charter on behalf of a few Nurse-training Institutions. The verdict of the General Practitioners' Alliance is deserving of respect beyond that of those connected with the Nurse-training Schools, in that it is the outcome of a disinterested examination of the merits of the question, and not the expression of fears prompted by anxiety for the preservation of personal interests."

"The meeting was in every sense a success. It was numerously attended—many of those present coming a distance of several miles from the suburban districts of the Metropolis—and it was unanimous, not a single hand being held up in opposition to the motion. But the unanimity was not arrived at without a critical examination of the details of the Charter, and after assurances given that the measure would not encourage in any way the extension of the sphere of action of those engaged in Nursing beyond their proper and legitimate province."

"From an article which appeared in a recent issue of *The British Medical Journal*, we may safely assume that the

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