

the above work, asking them to support this meeting by their presence":—

"To all it is thus sufficiently clear that it is not only Doctors, Matrons of Hospitals, Sisters and Nurses who are invited, but also those who in their social life have become acquainted with the treatment of the sick, and who, taking an interest in it, give themselves up to this great work of charity.

"Are these many? Most decidedly.

"Will this meeting be largely attended? There does not seem to be any doubt of it.

"It is within the last few months that this subject has developed itself into a public question, and for different reasons has become a general and interesting topic.

"The Nurse who in our country, with the exception of the Asylums for the poor, and the Hospitals for Roman Catholics, was almost unknown (and in this respect we are far behind our English and German neighbours), now appears in our midst, and with her quiet, unassuming earnestness, her neat figure, requests our interest and our confidence.

"Her own interest is entirely vested in the sick and the sufferers.

"Her education is acquired for the benefit of the Dutch people; her knowledge bears fruit for the well-being of humanity.

"Her eagerness, her devotion, her efforts succeed in making more comfortable and more cheerful the sick beds of the rich as well as of the poor.

"We are thus all concerned in these discussions; even if professional men only were to speak, their speeches would guide us, for we repeat it, we all have an interest in working for the success of these meetings. It is therefore with the greatest confidence that we ask everybody to attend the meet-

ing to be held in October next, and for which Amsterdam has been rightly chosen.

"Whilst it is the intention of the Committee to issue later on a full programme, they have now great pleasure in stating that already several gentlemen have offered to speak on subjects connected with this social question.

"May we not be disappointed in our expectations, and may this good example be followed by many."

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A NURSE writes to *The British Medical Journal*:
 "May I venture to draw the attention of medical men to the custom prevailing amongst many Hospital Nurses of sweeping the streets with their dresses? After all the elaborate and costly efforts for asepticism in Hospital Wards, it seems to me quite inconsistent for Nurses to bring into the wards the sweepings of the streets, with all the many germs they may contain. It is a dirty practice for any woman, and much more so for a Nurse; but I am sorry to say it is much on the increase lately both in London and elsewhere. I think that if Doctors will steadily set their faces against it, it may be checked as far as Hospital Nurses are concerned."
 S. G.

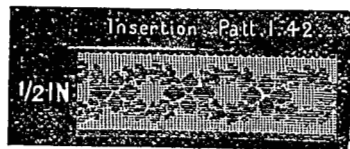
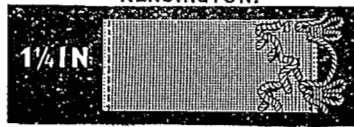
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