

in order to be married to Dr. COULTON, of Stoke Newington, on the 19th inst. I hear she has been presented with numerous beautiful and useful gifts by colleagues and friends, and I sincerely unite with them in wishing her a bright and happy future.

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MISS SUSAN RUMBOLL has been appointed Matron of the Kettlewell Convalescent Home at Swanley, in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss RUMBOLL was trained and gained her certificate at St. Bartholomew's, and has had experience of late years in the branch of work in which she has now obtained so important a position.

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MISS ELLEN MARION CROSS has been appointed Sister of the Lucas Ward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She is the daughter of the greatly respected Secretary of the Hospital, and gained the Gold Medal at the final examination of her year. I fear that the Hospital work of so charming a lady, as Miss CROSS is described to be, will not be of long duration, for it is becoming proverbial how numerous are the onslaughts which a certain naughty little blind boy has made upon the Nursing ranks of late.

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I HEAR that the Royal British Nurses' Association has very wisely secured two of the most eloquent Counsel at the Bar, Sir HORACE DAVEY, Q.C., and Mr. MUIR MACKENZIE, to act as their advocates before the Privy Council. The R.B.N.A. has always been so quiet under the virulent abuse which has been showered upon it, week by week, for the last five years, that many Nurses have come to believe that it was too weak to defend itself. In this Journal, we have always argued that this reticence under the abuse, attempted intimidation, and falsehoods indulged in by its opponents was merely the quiet contempt of such methods felt by an Association conscious of its strength. The manner in which the R.B.N.A. recovered from its most unjust rebuff at the Board of Trade, last year, and when denied incorporation as a limited liability company, straightway appealed for incorporation by the vastly more dignified method of a Royal Charter, is proof positive that our contention was correct.

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I SUPPOSE there will be a large gathering of medical men and nurses at the Privy Council Offices, Whitehall, next Monday, at 11 a.m. The greatest interest is felt to know how the eminent Counsel of the Association will state its case, and if they will bring to light the extreme injustice with which Nurses are now treated in so many Institutions.

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BECAUSE, putting aside the manifest unfairness to women who have devoted three years of their life

to arduous Hospital training that they should find themselves exposed in private Nursing to the competition of persons who have never been trained at all, it is well known that this fact prevents many Nurses from becoming thoroughly trained, on the ground that it is unnecessary that they should do so, and so Nursing progress and improvements have been greatly retarded, and the sick public have once again suffered. But even more than this, I know, most of the best class of Nurses feel it a most galling injustice that they should be classed in the public mind with the drunkards and the criminals who now, without let or hindrance, can term themselves Nurses, and prey upon the public again and again each time they issue from gaol. There is no doubt that the reason why the R.B.N.A. has been so successful is because it represents the united efforts of medical men and nurses to purify and improve the Nursing profession, and that why it has been so bitterly opposed is because it does not suit the pockets of Nurse farmers that the public should know who is a trained Nurse, because, in that case, the immense profits now made by sending out ignorant—and therefore poorly paid—women would speedily be reduced to zero.

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I AM very pleased to note the return of Mrs. MACDONALD, L.O.S., who has been, for the last 13 weeks, in attendance upon Her Majesty the GERMAN EMPRESS. Mrs. MACDONALD has been the recipient of exceedingly gratifying testimonials from Her Majesty, from the Physician in Charge, and from the chief Lady in Waiting, besides "marks" of a substantial nature, and several souvenirs.

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I HAVE, on several occasions, referred to the excellent work done by the Lincoln Institution for Nurses, and the—to put it mildly—shabby manner in which that rich city supports one of its most valuable charities. I am, therefore, glad to learn that Lincoln means to behave more generously in future, and, to commence with, intends to hold a Grand Bazaar on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th insts., in aid of the funds of the Institution. If there is any real benevolence in the City and County, the following brief extract from the last Report of the Nurses' work ought to elicit a great response. I can hardly believe that the Lincoln clergy realise that it is chiefly at the expense of the Nurses themselves that the Divine injunction to visit the sick is obeyed in this great Cathedral City.

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"THE District Nurses (eight in number) have this year attended gratuitously 414 of the sick poor of

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