

THIS reminds me that everyone was expressing the deepest regret at the dangerous illness from typhoid fever of the Standing Counsel of the Association, the Hon. W. H. CROSS, M.P., who had done so much for its cause in many ways, and their earnest wishes for his speedy and complete recovery.

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AT half-past ten, Mr. CORNEY GRAIN arrived. He had, I heard afterwards, been to a performance at Brighton, and had then given his Sketch at St. George's Hall, and must have been thoroughly tired, and, moreover, had had nothing to eat all day. But he most kindly determined not to disappoint the Nurses, and must have been pleased at the welcome which he received. Room having been made for Princess CHRISTIAN and her guests close to the platform, Mr. CORNEY GRAIN detailed the events of his "Wife's Party," amidst incessant laughter, and then, in recognition of the long continued applause, in the same inimitable way, he described the practice of a Village Choir. To those who have never heard this delightful Sketch, I would advise an early visit to St. George's Hall, Langham Place, for it is one of the most ludicrously accurate skits which Mr. CORNEY GRAIN has given to the British public.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN and the Princess VICTORIA left shortly after eleven o'clock, and by a quarter to twelve the last guest had gone, and a most successful and pleasurable meeting had ended.

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DR. NANSEN, the famous explorer, who is soon about to start on another voyage to the Arctic regions, intends to lessen the huge difficulty, hitherto experienced, of providing a suitable food for such expeditions, by the employment of "Frame Food Diet." It is believed that the natural phosphates contained in the Food will obviate the danger of scurvy, a disease to which those deprived of fresh food are terribly liable.

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THE Cumberland Infirmary Nursing scheme is now said to be fairly launched. The contracts for the building have been let for about £2,000, and the amount of money in hand reaches £2,500. More, it is confidently expected, will be provided by the public. The existing Nursing staff will be removed into the new buildings as soon as they are ready, and it is hoped to add twenty more Nurses, who will be for the most part employed in nursing the sick in various parts of the city of Carlisle.

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Case in Opposition to the Petition of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

1. A Petition has been presented to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council by the Council of the Nightingale Fund, praying that Her Majesty may be pleased not to grant a Charter for the incorporation of the Association.

2. Like Petitions have been presented on behalf of or representative of the governing authorities, the medical staffs (or the members thereof specially engaged in instructing nurses) of, and the matrons, lady superintendents, sisters, and other authorities of the training schools attached to the following large London Hospitals, namely:—St. Thomas's Hospital, the London Hospital, Westminster Hospital, King's College Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Charing Cross Hospital, the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and Guy's Hospital (with the exception of the Matron), and the St. Marylebone, Paddington, St. Pancras, and Whitechapel Parochial Infirmarys, and also on behalf of or representative of the governing authority and medical instructors of Nurses of the Royal Free Hospital, and by certain of the medical instructors of Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

3. Like Petitions have also been presented on behalf of or representative of the governing authorities, medical instructors of Nurses, and training schools of the most important Hospitals in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, and other provincial towns, and of the Army Medical Department, and of many smaller general Hospitals and special Hospitals both in London and the Country.

4. Like Petitions have also been presented by the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for nursing the sick poor in their own homes, and by the East London Nursing Society and the Liverpool District Nursing Society, and many other institutions in London, the provinces, Scotland, and Ireland for providing trained Nurses for the sick poor. The said Petitions, or some or one of them, have or has also been signed by Miss Florence Nightingale and numerous other independent persons interested in the welfare of Nurses and the advancement of nursing.

5. This Case is presented on behalf of the signatories of all the Petitions referred to in paragraphs, 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof.

6. The Draft Charter states the purposes for which the Corporation is sought to be established to be the following:—

- (1) "The maintenance of a list or register of Nurses, showing as to each Nurse registered, her name and address, and the name of the Hospitals or other places at which she has been trained, and the length of training which she has received."
- (2) "The founding and maintenance of schemes for the benefit of Nurses in the practice of their profession, and in times of adversity, sickness, and old age."
- (3) "The promotion of conferences, public meetings, and lectures in connexion with the general work of the Corporation."
- (4) "The doing anything incidental or conducive to carrying into effect the foregoing purposes."

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