

administrative offices, and private paying wards for those who prefer to be nursed at the hospital.

After the inspection of the buildings the Royal party left amid the enthusiastic cheers of the people of Holloway, in which district the afternoon appeared to have been set aside as a public holiday.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE widowed Empress Victoria of Germany finds the only relief in the great sorrow which has fallen upon her, in her children. We rejoice to hear that the Princess Christian will shortly visit her Imperial Majesty at Potsdam, as it is certain that she will find much comfort in the presence of that most sympathetic and kind-hearted of women. The Empress, as everyone knows, is a most talented woman. In addition to her other literary work, she is credited with the translation of Marco Minghetti's work on "State and Church," which was published in 1881, without the name of the translator. Her interest in ecclesiastical questions, and her thoroughly liberal attitude towards them, have long been a matter of celebrity. The University Library at Gottingen possesses a copy of the German edition, upon the fly-leaf of which the librarian has written, "According to the information given by the publisher, there is no doubt that this translation is the work of her Imperial Majesty Victoria Empress of Germany."

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, with her usual kindness, has consented to become patron of the Technical Training College for Gentlewomen, which is conducted by Miss Forsyth. Attention has recently been called to some of the many subjects of practical importance to women, upon which instruction is given at the college, such as dressmaking, cooking, keeping accounts, money matters, &c. The classes were only started last October, and already about 150 girls have received lessons. Miss Forsyth, whose present address is 1A, Victoria-square, S.W., has taken an energetic partner, and intends moving, in the autumn, into a larger house.

THE *Queen* gave a full description, on September 17, 1887, of the "Brabazon Pauper Employment" Scheme. It now reports that a successful sale of work was held on Wednesday, June 25, at the Paddington workhouse. One of the rooms had been gaily decorated with flags, tables were placed down either side covered with white cloths, and on these were arranged all the pretty articles that were for sale. General Whish made a short speech, and the Countess of Meath who first started the scheme (Brabazon Pauper Employment), followed with a few well-chosen words. At the generality of bazaars, she said, the things were made by the young, the

happy, and the gay; but at this sale they had been worked by the aged and the poor. Many well-wishers of the scheme were present, and the tables were speedily denuded of their stock. Except that useful work principally predominated, it was difficult to find much difference between the things here and those which are found at ordinary bazaars, especially as amongst the inmates there is one possessing so much artistic taste that he can paint on wooden knicknacks quite as well as many young ladies who have had years of teaching. The lady who has kindly given him instruction for the last two years was present, and naturally she is proud of so apt a pupil. In the old days he was a glass painter; now, poor man, he never leaves his bed, for he is paralysed. The pleasure that such easy work gives him is incalculable. He painted for the sale some tamborines wonderfully well; one was a copy of an original Spanish tambourine, with the inevitable bullfight as a decoration. Then the imitation padlocks, with little brass hooks on one side for keys, he had ornamented with sprays of flowers, and ribbons had been added by which they could be hung up. The carpenter, another bedridden inmate, had made a grandfather clock very prettily, also a bracket painted duck-egg green. One very old woman had accomplished a grand piece of patchwork—oh, so naptily! Another, who is blind, crotcheted some little children's jackets in soft-coloured wools. The men make Macramé bracket vallances, and there was a long mantel border in the same work. The pretty cosies of Macramé, with linings of satin, and quilted satin inside, had found their way to the workhouse, and been copied by the men and women there. None of them are obliged to work at these things. Lady Brabazon, now Countess of Meath, first proposed that they should do so as an amusement to fill up the many weary, idle hours they are compelled to pass when invalided. As it is against rules that they should receive money for the work, they have some presents made them and enjoy a good tea, and the money is spent in buying more materials. Orders are much valued for children's underlinen, house linen, and ladies' dressing jackets, &c., which are all well and prettily made.

At a public meeting held at the Mansion House, on July 6th, in aid of the building fund of the New Hospital for Women, a letter was received from Miss Nightingale, which she sent with £50, expressing hearty approval of the work of the institution. She said, "You want efficient women doctors for India most of all, whose native women are now our sisters, our charge. There are at least, 40,000,000 who will need women doctors, and who have none. But for England, too, you want them. Give them, then, besides a women's school of medicine, a practical school in a women's hospital. Life and death depend on the training." The Lord Mayor,

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