

I HEAR that Miss Edith Pretty has been appointed Matron to the Miller Memorial Hospital at Greenwich. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's, and has, till lately, held the post of Staff Nurse in that Institution.

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LASTLY, I am told that Miss Mackie has been appointed Matron to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square. She has for some time filled the important post of Night Superintendent at the London Hospital, and, my correspondent adds, "will be greatly missed there, as she is a lady not only of ability, but of independent opinions."

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THE Doll Show at the Great Ormond Street Hospital seems to have passed off very successfully. The *Queen* gives the following interesting account:—"In a huge tent erected for the purpose, the goodly company of well-intentioned puppets were temptingly displayed. We hope that visitors will troop to the tent unceasingly until every doll has found a new and happy owner, and we can assure fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, and everyone who loves to see children happy, that nowhere will they find Christmas presents more to the likings of little girls. There are well nigh 'all sorts and conditions' of dolls to be seen. One of Royal lineage, Court ladies and gentlemen in friendly proximity to the sweep with his brushes on his shoulder, Nursing Sisters by the hundred, ready to bandage up the broken limbs of any dolly who may meet with an accident; a doll who can not only smoke a cigar, but puff the smoke out of his mouth, and then raise his eyeglasses to his eyes and quizzically scan the faces of the lookers on, as much as to say, 'Don't you think me a clever fellow?'; a French lady gorgeously attired, who powders her face with a puff, whilst she raises a hand-glass to see that she performs the delicate operation aright. These, and a glorious galaxy of baby dolls in long clothes, are ready to welcome admirers in the form of purchasers in any number. The lady who is putting the finishing touches to her toilette, is lent for exhibition by her generous little owner, the Princess Alice of Albany. One stall is devoted to a display of magnificent French dolls, contributed by certain doll manufacturers. The dolls on another stall are nearly all in the correct uniforms of the Nursing Sisters of Hospitals and Infirmaries in England, and many of these have been dressed by the Nurses of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital—greatly to their credit, be it said, for the uniforms are excellently well reproduced. Quite a masterpiece is a dolly who possesses a trousseau that fills five or six boxes, and has a bedstead upholstered in printed Indian silk, with bed-spread, pillow-

sham, and night-dress case embroidered with her name, 'Lena.' A history of the doll is, doubtless, difficult to trace; but, nevertheless, a very pleasing account is to be found in the book programme of the exhibition, which opens with Charles Kingsley's delightful verses, telling the tragical fate that befell a member of this important community. On the first day there was held a grand concert in the 'Alice' Ward, after which the Princess Frederica distributed prizes to successful competitors, and then the sale commenced. A wonderful exhibition of mechanical toys, a concert, and a lecture, 'Wanderings of a War Artist,' by Irving Montagu (late special war artist to the *Illustrated London News*), were among the attractions offered to visitors on the second day. Mdme. Belle Cole, Signor Tito Mattei, Mr. Henry Neville, and Mrs. Keeley, with many other artistes, kindly volunteered their services for the occasion; and the band of the Grenadier Guards, by permission of Col. Hon. W. S. D. Home, played each evening, under the personal direction of Lieut. Dan Godfrey." S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

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THE Secretary of the Windsor and Eton Royal Infirmary has recently received bequests and donations amounting to £258 8s. 5d.

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THE Chairman of the Birmingham Musical Festival handed, last week, a cheque for £2,500 to the Treasurer of the Birmingham General Hospital, being the proceeds of the last Festival.

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THE Hospital Saturday collections this year in Lincoln, Gainsborough, and Sleaford amounted to £543 1rs. The Whitstable Hospital Sunday and Saturday collections recently made produced £62 3s. 8d. The Liverpool Hospital Sunday and Saturday Funds for the current year are, respectively, £6,456 1rs. 11d., against £6,029 16s. 8d. last year, and £2,888 os. 9d., against £2,851 18s. 7d. for 1887.

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A RULE is reported to have been recently introduced at the Eden Lying-in Hospital at Calcutta by the Resident Medical Officer, that students of the College who attend the native sick shall henceforth be permitted to attend European women in their confinements. This has caused consternation and alarm, so much so that the Nursing Staff of the Hospital struck work. The Sisters of Mercy attached to it, however, succeeded in persuading a few of the Nurses to resume duty, pending the

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