

times during the two hours I was present, and in each case found him busily occupied in disposing of various articles mentioned in the *menu*. On the whole, he said, he thought he preferred the chocolate acorns, strawberry cream, and claret cup the best.

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THE Evelina Hospital is sending out, in the shape of a very pretty little almanack for 1890, printed in gold and colours, an appeal for help to carry on its most important work. This excellent institution deserves every possible encouragement, and I should be glad to hear of its funds being materially increased this Christmas.

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I WAS very pleased to read in the *Lady's Pictorial* of last week, a well-written article respecting the poor Sisters of Nazareth, which was founded many years ago by Cardinal Wiseman. The writer concludes the interesting contribution with the following words:—"It will be a great day for England and the world when Dissenters, Protestants, and Anglicans forget all their bitter wrangles about this and that doctrine and dogma, which no two people interpret, or ever will interpret, in the same way, and turn their thoughts to the men and women and little children who are stretching out weary hands for the cup of cold water, in the giving of which, let us remember, lies the Christian title to the crown of glory he desires so ardently to wear."

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I *must* find room for the following, sent to me by one who was present:—"Good-byes are, at their brightest, very sad occurrences, yet, as they must be, it is wiser to meet them bravely, and make the best of them. Last night the Nurses' Recreation Room, known familiarly to all the Nurses at the Chelsea Hospital as the 'Rec.,' was made pretty and bright with flowers, lights, and good fires, and filled with a throng of Staff and Charge Nurses, 'Pros.,' &c., all gathered there to bid their much-appreciated and beloved Matron 'good-bye,' and to give her a testimonial in the shape of a splendid life-size photograph of herself, which will hang in the 'Rec.,' and help to 'keep her memory green' for ever at the Chelsea Infirmary.

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"To take away with her to the Transvaal, as a reminder for herself, there was a lovely little silver plate, beautifully designed, and suitably inscribed, and mounted in a carved oak frame. The Chaplain, Mr. Farrington Downes, in some clever, humorous, yet pathetic words, told Miss Mollett how sorry we all were to let her go, and how much she had done for everybody in the Infirmary.

"THEN our Matron, who looked as if she had stepped out of some beautiful old-world picture, in her quaint picturesque cap, and sitting in a curious old-fashioned arm-chair, said just a very few, simple, expressive words of thanks to all there. She could not *say* much, as she felt too much.

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"THEN after this, the chief event of the evening, was over, there was music and singing; then lest the sadness of parting should be too marked in its effect on the Chaplain, Doctors, and Nurses, dancing and games were thought quite needful; and everybody indulged heartily, enjoying themselves until bed-time."

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I FEEL that this letter, given almost word for word as it is written, expresses in its own way exactly what everybody feels respecting Miss Mollett's greatly regretted departure. It would be presumptuous on my part to attempt to add anything more, but I do feel that I ought to express how sorry we, in the Nursing world outside of the Chelsea Infirmary, all are that she who has done so much of good, useful, and honourable work, should have to leave us when in the midst of it. However, I am sure I am only re-echoing the words of every one of the readers and the staff of the *Nursing Record*, when I say we all join in wishing Miss Mollett God-speed, good health, and a safe return to the Old Country, when her labours in the newer portion of the world have been completed.

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I HEAR that the Doll Show, inaugurated by Miss Janie F. Charles, the manageress of the Santa Claus Society, which I alluded to in the "Echoes" recently, has been very successful, gifts of dolls, toys, &c., being sent to no less than fifteen Hospitals. The dolls in fancy dress were much admired. A great variety were sent in, including Queen of Hearts, Fairy, Nurses in different uniforms, Probationers, Red Riding Hoods, Primrose League Maidens, Bo-peeps, Foreign Peasants, &c., and came from all parts of England and Scotland, one of the prize ones from Jersey, the lady who sent it in being a M.B.N.A.

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THE list of prize-winners is:—Class I., for members over fifteen years of age—1st prize, gained by Miss E. Hermon, 21, Park Street, Worksop; 2nd, Miss D. V. Machin, Gateford Hill, Worksop; Extra prize, for dolls dressed in crochet, Misses Dixon, per Mrs. Harrison, Woodhayes, Muswell Hill; Honourable mentions, Miss Dester, The Lindens, Alma Road, Clifton; Miss M. H. Hughes, Ystrad, Denbigh; Miss F. B. Linton, Ellsdene, Bowden, Cheshire; Miss H. M.

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