

Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has been very busy during the past week, exhibiting her usual personal interest in Nursing matters. On Monday I am told that she came to London, and attended a Meeting of the Special Committee on Cholera Nursing. On Tuesday, she paid a private visit to the Home for the Dying, Friedenheim, Upper Avenue Road, South Hampstead. The visit lasted about an hour, and her Royal Highness expressed much satisfaction with the arrangements.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS and Princess VICTORIA, of Schleswig-Holstein, also assisted at a concert given by the Windsor and Eton Amateur Choral and Orchestral Societies, at the Albert Institute, Windsor, in aid of the Trained Nurses' Fund. Sir WALTER PARRATT conducted, and among the artistes were the Hon. Mrs. ROBERT LYTTETON, Miss ASHTON JONSON, and Mr. EDWARD LLOYD. The vocalists, chorus, and instrumentalists were nearly 150 in number. Princess CHRISTIAN played Bach's pianoforte concerto in D minor, with orchestral accompaniment, and her Royal Highness and her daughter sang in the choruses.

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I HEAR that on Friday, Her Royal Highness took the Chair at the monthly Meeting of the Registration Board, and took part in the usual discussion which takes place on each application. I am glad to hear that a large number of thoroughly trained Nurses are now applying to be placed on the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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IMMENSE improvements have been made in the construction of the wards at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the Hospital is being floored throughout with seasoned oak, as the floors are now to be polished instead of scrubbed. Two ward maids have been appointed to each ward, instead of one—one maid to each thirteen beds, on an average. This is a very liberal provision of domestic labour, and will relieve the Nursing staff of all those arduous

duties which exhaust the physical strength, and, in many instances, incapacitate them for the skilled and technical work. Miss ISLA STEWART, the Superintendent of Nursing, is to be congratulated upon this excellent arrangement.

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UPON the suggestion of Miss EAST, Lady Superintendent, ward-maids have also been appointed at the National Hospital, Queen Square, and I feel sure that this arrangement will conduce to the well-being of both nurses and patients. I remember this hospital ten years ago, when its domestic arrangements were conducted upon less liberal and enlightened lines; it is a matter of great congratulation to the Committee and subscribers of an institution, when they possess, as they do in Mr. BURFORD RAWLINGS and Miss EAST, officials whose first aim is the performance of their public duty, and who combine to make a hospital take the high position in public estimation which the National Hospital occupies at the present time.

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MISS GERTRUDE KNIGHT, M.R.B.N.A., has been appointed Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham. There were a large number of candidates, of whom five were selected. Miss KNIGHT, who was unanimously chosen by the Board to fill the vacant post, has had long and varied experiences: She holds a certificate from St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; she was Night Superintendent and Sister at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, in 1884-85; she was appointed Matron of the National Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dublin, in 1885, and, in 1888, became Matron of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, which post she has held until now. The Board of the Nottingham Hospital are to be congratulated on the choice they have made. Miss KNIGHT has given proof of administrative abilities of a rare order, by the improvement which, under her management, has taken place in the Hospital she has just left. Her untiring energy and watchful care, as well as her thorough mastery of the many details of her work, have produced the happiest results in the Adelaide Hospital. Her resignation has been received with extreme regret by the Committee, while the feelings of those working under her found practical expression in the presentation of a handsome gold watch by the Nursing Staff, and a silver-plated tea service by the servants of the Hospital. Miss KNIGHT carries with her the hearty good wishes of her Irish friends, among whom her departure has caused very sincere regret.

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