

Nursing Echoes.

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WHEN one reads of the numberless engagements undertaken by Princess Christian, one wonders how she is able to meet the strain which their fulfilment must occasion. One notices that nearly every day is nobly spent in works for the benefit of the people, and her self-denying life is indeed a splendid example to the women of England—an example which I rejoice to see is being widely followed by educated women. Powder, patches, and politics, no longer constitute our *grandes dames*—to be truly great they must be truly good. I heard an anarchist once remark—that, “blood-red revolution could be rolled back, even from Russia, if we had one or two Royalties like your Princess Christian.” I understood his meaning to be, that true sympathy, such as she bestows on all who come in contact with her, and which is the intangible expression of a truly noble nature, is, after all, the vital force which conquers brute humanity.



THE Council Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association will take place to-morrow (Friday) at 5 p.m. There is an interesting agenda, including the election of another pensioner, applying for which assistance are two excellent candidates; and the bestowal of the Princess Helena medal. It is understood that the Committee will recommend that this gold medal of merit shall this year be presented to Sister Henrietta of Kimberley, in recognition of her important services to the cause of Nursing, in assisting to bring about State Registration of Nurses, in the Cape Colony. There can be little doubt that if such a recommendation be made, it will be unanimously accepted by the Council and endorsed by the whole Association.

MUCH interest is expressed concerning the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Association, which will take place at Brighton, on Thursday, July 21st, in the Pavilion at 12 o'clock. A special train will run from Victoria to Brighton for the convenience of members and their friends, and at greatly reduced fares, tickets being obtainable from the offices of the Association. There is a long and important agenda paper to be got through, and then the members will dine together at 1.30. The Mayor of Brighton, who, curiously enough, almost for the first

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time on record, is a doctor, will take the chair and welcome the members to the town. After dinner I understand there are divers excursions arranged and that the popular Home of Rest, in Sussex Square, will issue a number of invitations to the visitors to partake of its hospitality in the evening, one or two members of its Committee defraying the necessary expenses. Altogether, the meeting should be as pleasant and successful as its predecessors have been.

I HEAR that it is probable that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will proceed to Chicago in September as the representative of the Women's Section of the Royal Commission, to make final arrangements concerning their exhibits at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago next year.

RUMOUR says that the Nursing Sub-Committee is working with great zest, and that the Matrons of St. Bartholomew's and the Chelsea Infirmary are especially energetic. I believe that it has been decided to entrust the Uniform Department to Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, who, I feel sure, will carry out the suggestions of the Committee in the most satisfactory manner, as under the direction of Mr. Thomas this firm are making nurses' clothing a special feature.

HOSPITAL furniture is at present engaging the time and thought of the Committee, and it is thought probable that the firm of Messrs. Spink and Woods, of Berners Street, may have the good fortune to carry out the designs of this department.

I AM asked to draw the special attention of my readers to the letter in another column from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick concerning the important subject of Nurses' caps. I hope that her request will be liberally replied to.

MISS CLARA H. BOURNE has been appointed Matron of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road.

IN last week's *Queen* will be found an excellent article on “The Lords and the Nurses,” in which the Report just issued by the Lords' Committee is reviewed. I am glad to see that at last this chief of women's papers has done justice to the Royal British Nurses Association, and has recognised now that the Lords have placed their *cachet* upon its work—that their desire for reform in the education

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