

## Nursing Echoes.

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NURSES all over the Empire will be grieved to hear that Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN has been suffering from a sharp attack of the so-called influenza. The Princess VICTORIA was attacked by the fever while staying in London, and Princess CHRISTIAN, who came to town to nurse her, was herself seized with the complaint. Everyone will be thankful to hear that

the Princess is now much better—and, it is hoped, on the high road to complete recovery—and that Princess VICTORIA is quite convalescent.

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I HEAR that a very large audience is expected to hear the lecture on Fevers and their Nursing, which will be given this (Thursday) evening, at 3, Hanover Square, to the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, by Dr. FREDERICK CAIGER, the well-known Medical Superintendent of the South Western Fever Hospital. I am told that it was not possible to obtain the large hall at the usual meeting place, 20, Hanover Square, for this evening, and that therefore the rooms of the Zoological Society, at the opposite side of the Square, have been secured for the occasion. It is characteristic of the Association that it should—as it has done on similar occasions before—offer to admit Nurses who are not members, to this meeting, cards being obtainable from the Secretary at the offices, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street.

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I AM glad to hear such good accounts of the prospects of the Chicago Nursing Conference, and I hope influential English Nurses will be able to be present and take part in the proceedings. It is to be regretted that Nursing is only to be a section amongst the number into which charitable and philanthropic subjects are divided. It was generally hoped that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK's original suggestion of an International Nursing Congress, separate and distinct from the other Congresses, would have been carried out. But as this is not to be, we must even learn what we can from the forth-

coming meeting. I am sorry to hear from the Matrons of several of the largest and most important English Hospitals, that they have received no invitations from Miss HAMPTON to read papers, although they had naturally expected to be asked. I feel confident that no discourtesy to them has been intended, and would advise them to communicate direct with Miss HAMPTON. I hear that Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK sails for America in the White Star liner the *Majestic*, on April 5th, that in consequence of the Congresses her stay in the States is expected to be somewhat lengthy, and that she has received the most flattering and most cordial invitations to visit different American Hospitals. As Sir DYCE DUCKWORTH recently said, English Nurses are very well content to have such a representative at the Chicago Exhibition, but I hear that other well-known members of the R.B.N.A. are going to join Mrs. FENWICK in that city in May, so that there is every reason to hope the Congress will be a great success.

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SOME time ago, great amusement was caused in Nursing circles by someone writing to the *Hospital* asking the Editor how she could obtain something "at somebody else's expense." Presumably, the question was not actually intended to be bitterly sarcastic, but Mr. BURDETT's method of "founding" philanthropic schemes has earned him a reputation almost unique of its kind. His most recent move has been, by means of the usual anonymous letters, to endeavour to "found" an endowed bed for Nurses at a home at Ventnor. I will not inquire into his reasons for choosing this particularly unsuitable health resort, but the results deserve publicity. The bed was to be called the *Hospital* bed, and, presumably, the Editor was to have the dispensing of that piece of philanthropy. But the Nurses were of course to provide the whole of the necessary funds for the "founding" of this little scheme. The amount modestly suggested was £1,500, and towards this Mr. BURDETT last week announced that he had received promises to the total amount of £28 10s., of which £12 came from one Nurse. So yet another "fiasco" is imminent, and an urgent appeal is now made for the amount necessary to maintain a bed for 1893. There are two questions which Nurses are asking to which I would suggest that our contemporary should give answers. Who obtained the benefits of the bed in 1892? and what amount did Mr. H. C. BURDETT give last year, and what will he give this year, towards the maintenance of the *Hospital* bed?

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