

the old infirmary which is in such an unsanitary condition, that the patients and medical staff moved out of it at twenty-four hours' notice, that the stenches are intolerable, and that the nurses smoked as a precautionary measure. The playing of musical instruments late at night is surely a matter with which the matron should deal. We must say, that we consider the position taken up by the medical superintendent is impregnable, when he holds that it is not his business to know, and to legislate upon, matters which occur in the nurses' bedrooms late at night.

As we before said, we suspend our judgment pending a fuller inquiry, but we hope that this will be held before the resignations of the nurses are sent in.

A Presentation.

THE committee and nursing staff of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, have shown their appreciation of Miss A. L. Strong, matron of the institution, by presenting her with gifts on her resignation on her approaching marriage with Dr. Raw, medical superintendent of the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool. Dr. Mackintosh, superintendent of the Western Infirmary, who was accompanied by ex-Bailie Dickson and Mr. Watson, two of the directors, acted as chairman, and in a few words expressed the sincere regret felt by all concerned at the loss of so admirable a matron, and also the great satisfaction with which he had worked with her. Dr. Mackintosh then presented Miss Strong with a handsome case of silver fruit knives and forks, suitably inscribed, and ex-Bailie Dickson handed over, in the name of the directors, a valuable silver and gold flower bowl on an ebony stand, as a token of the esteem and regard in which the matron was held by the governing body. Miss Strong returned thanks in a few graceful words. It will be remembered that Miss Strong, formerly matron of the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, succeeded Miss Clyde at Glasgow about fifteen months ago, so she has quickly won the esteem and affection of her colleagues in the post which she now resigns.

Appointment.

MISS GRACE NEWBURY, matron of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, has been appointed matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, upon the resignation of Miss A. L. Strong.

A COVETED DISTINCTION.

The final examinations for the three years' course have just been held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss Skrimgeour has obtained the highest number of marks. She is, therefore, the Gold Medallist of her year.

Nursing Echoes.

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THE interest which was taken in hospital work by the late Duchess of Teck is well known. It will be news, however, to many people to hear that the Princess Mary, when she was young, had serious wishes to go into training as a nurse. The matter was mooted at the time to the Queen, who at once pronounced against the plan, as involving grave violations of etiquette. Later the Queen bestowed the Royal Red Cross on the Duchess of Teck, no doubt in recognition of her keen interest in, and good work on behalf of, our hospitals. The late Duchess was the patroness of the "Mary Adelaide Nurses," of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association, and President of the Nurses' Co-operation, New Cavendish Street.

THE following letter has been addressed by a correspondent to the *Times*. It will, we are sure, be read with much interest by nurses, especially by those connected with the bodies with which Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck was directly associated:—

"Sir,—Allow me to send you an anecdote of our late lamented Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck. On a brief visit to Lord Sefton, at Croxteth, her Royal Highness visited the Hospital for Women, Liverpool, without any formality. She wished to see it as it was. Her Royal Highness went through all the wards, speaking to every woman and handing to her a little bouquet. On leaving one ward she inquired why one woman was crying so bitterly, and being informed that she was about to undergo a serious operation, her Royal Highness exclaimed, 'I will go to her; I will go to her again and try to comfort her.' She hurried back to the patient's bed, and was seen for some minutes holding a whispered conversation, whilst stroking the poor toil-worn hand. Turning away, wiping her eyes, the Princess said, 'I wish to be kept informed how that patient goes on.' On reaching the hall of the hospital her Royal Highness made some laughing inquiry into the presence of 'a man' in the hospital; she was told it was the poor patient's husband, who was in great grief. The Royal lady said, 'I will speak to him. Where can I go to speak alone to him?' A door being open—that of the pantry—her Royal Highness drew the poor husband in with her, and tried in a homely, kindly way to console him. Her remark to those near her was, 'Well, I'm glad I asked about him; I think he will feel comforted.' Just little actions such as these endeared the Duchess to the general public; and this has a peculiar pathos when we know

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