

was acknowledged, on behalf of Miss Burns, by Mr. Harcourt, in an appropriate speech.

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WE learn with pleasure that at the Sale of Work held at the Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, last week, the profits amounted to £80. A most useful and substantial addition to the Samaritan Fund of the Hospital, and the result of much hard work on the part of the nursing staff, who are heartily to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

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PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG last week visited Beckenham to open the new Jubilee Wing of the Cottage Hospital. The Wing includes a men's ward on the ground floor, with eight beds in each. There is also a new children's ward, which contains four cots. The Princess received a most hearty welcome from the inhabitants, and at the pavilion, opposite the hospital wing, an address was delivered by the Rev. Henry Arnott, Rector of Beckenham, who, in the course of his remarks, referred to the excellent work done by the Matron, Miss Costford, and Head Nurse Bliss, who had been there for the last ten years.

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THE Lord Chancellor has withdrawn from his Lunacy Bill the clause relating to officers and servants of Asylums. The employees of Asylums will, therefore, not be entitled to the assured pension by Act of Parliament, to which they had been looking forward and hoping; but will have to depend, as heretofore, upon the liberality of individual Committees. We are of opinion that those who have spent their lives in this Government service should have adequate pensions when their working days are past.

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WE have received an invitation, which it would give us the most unfeigned pleasure to accept, to be present at the Commencement Exercises of the Faculty and Graduating Classes of the Medical Department of the University of Texas, but, alas, such happiness cannot be ours. We are indebted for this invitation to Miss Hanna Kindbom, whose name appears on the first page as a member of the Faculty, a position to which she is entitled as Professor of Nursing in connection with the University of Texas.

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SUITABLE and dainty illustrations adorn the pages of the booklet which conveys the invitation. The open book, upon which an owl is perched, appropriately represents the wisdom of the Faculty. An open, and three closed books, a diploma, and a lighted lamp represent the graduating class of the School of Medicine. The closed books we take to mean that there are yet unexplored depths of learning before the newly-

fledged graduates; and the lighted lamp hard by—well, we suppose we may consider it illustrative of the lamp of learning, or does it indicate the midnight oil which has been burnt during the study necessary to the attainment of a degree?

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THE School of Pharmacy is represented appropriately by distilling, and other apparatus connected with the science; and then comes the School of Nursing, represented by a "sweet girl graduate," in neat black gown and college cap, whose well-formed nose and well-developed chin sufficiently indicate the type of woman held in esteem in the University of Texas, a type self-reliant, courageous, determined, and yet withal feminine, a type which will eventually, we hope, entirely oust the helpless and incompetent woman who formerly commanded the admiration of the other sex.

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THE booklet which bears as its frontispiece a lighthouse, suggestive of safety to the sick battling with the waves of disease, closes with the lines:—

"What higher plane can one attain,  
Than conquest over human pain."

We congratulate the University of Texas on its delightful and inspiring invitation. It is with the keenest regret that we find ourselves unable to accept it.

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THE Cincinnati hospital authorities have adopted a novel scheme for the treatment of consumptives at the branch hospital. The trustees decided to have a board walk three feet wide and a mile long built for a promenade for the sick. The walk will be laid as soon as the lumber can be procured and the course is decided upon. For the sake of economy and general utility portions of the walk will connect the different buildings. The rest of it will be laid so as to pass over natural elevations in the grounds.

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THE theory that walking is good exercise is endorsed by the doctors, who say that walking is doubly good for consumptives. Walking up and down the elevations will make the walking even more beneficial, as it develops the breathing capacity and strengthens the muscles. The walks will be built because it is not considered safe for consumptives to step on the ground in rainy or winter weather. Patients unable to walk will be rolled over the walks in wheel chairs. They were made wide enough for that purpose. It is expected that each patient will take one or two walks each day, summer and winter; the amount of it to be done will be decided by the doctors and nurses. In pleasant weather the sick will be allowed to spend as much time as they wish on the promenade. The greater portion of it will

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