

Two Queens.

It has given universal satisfaction that the Queen has extended her interest to the women of the International Congress. A petition having been laid before her Majesty, by the Countess of Aberdeen, that some of the Colonial, American, and Foreign members of the Congress might have an opportunity of seeing her, a response has been received that the Queen has consented to drive slowly by a given place in Windsor on Friday at 5 p.m. This announcement, which was made at the reception given by Lady Aberdeen, gave great pleasure.

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OUR readers will read with great interest the letter from Miss Florence Nightingale to the nursing profession, read at the nursing session of the International Congress, and published in our account of the meeting in another column. Although Miss Nightingale has long since ceased to take any active part in nursing work, she still retains all her interest in the profession for which she has done so much, and any words of hers must always receive from nurses the consideration and respect to which they are entitled.

Miss Nightingale has further shown her interest to the nurses of the Congress by inviting some of the leading foreign nurses present to visit her at her house in South Street. This is an honour which they deeply appreciate.

Appointments.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS HELENA BUTLER has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill. Miss Butler was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1891 to 1896. For the last three years she has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Hospital, Johannesburg, South Africa.

SISTER.

MISS FANNY PRESLAND has been appointed Ward Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road. Miss Presland received her training under St. John's House, Norfolk Street, at the Metropolitan Hospital, the North Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, and the Waterloo Bridge Road Hospital. After working on the private staff of St. John's House, Miss Presland returned to the Metropolitan Hospital, where, for the last four years, she has acted as Charge Nurse of the Jewish wards, in which capacity she has won the respect and regard of both the medical and nursing staffs. There are very many who will welcome her promotion, and will regard it as the well earned reward of steady and excellent work.

Nursing Echoes.

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It has been a matter of great satisfaction to us to find that all the foreign nursing delegates present at the International Congress of Women are regular and appreciative readers of the NURSING RECORD, and that it is regarded as the only nursing paper in this country which encourages nurses to adopt a professional standpoint with regard to their work. Miss L. L. Dock spoke, at the Matrons' Council banquet, of always regarding the NURSING RECORD as the best nursing paper that is published. It is most gratifying to us to hear the opinion expressed with regard to the RECORD by the leading nurses of other nations, and we venture to believe that it has had its share in bringing about that unanimity of sentiment which was so marked a feature of the Nursing Sessions at the Congress.

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A FEATURE at the Matrons' Council Dinner which excited very general comment was the way in which the Matrons "turned out." It is generally conceded that it takes time to dress, and the busy Matron of a hospital might be forgiven if she paid less attention to the demands of fashion than some of her unprofessional sisters with plenty of time on their hands. But there was no evidence of hastiness, setting aside slovenliness, in the becoming costumes to be seen at the dinner. The appearance of nearly all of those present was a strong support of the theory that those who do one thing well are likely to carry the care evinced in that particular branch of work into other directions.

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As for the guests, the costumes were charming. Mrs. May Wright Sewall looked her best in a soft dove-coloured brocade, ornamented with pearls, her beautiful white hair piled high on her head. Dr. Sarah Hackett Stevenson was very handsome in black and white, but it is impossible to go into details concerning all the dresses seen on that occasion. It must suffice to say that the scene was a brilliant one, the result of the fact that everyone had done her best to do honour to so unique an evening.

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WE quoted last week the views of the Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London

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