

Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS LOUISE, Duchess of Argyll, paid a visit of a strictly private nature to the recently completed Howard de Walden Nurses' Home and Club on Saturday afternoon. Her Royal Highness has taken great interest in the progress of this building, which is for the exclusive use of the Nurses' Co-operation, of which she is Patron.

The Princess was received in the entrance-hall by the Nurses, Miss Wells (the Matron of the Home), and Miss Gethen, Secretary to the Co-operation, and a bouquet of red roses and lilies was presented by one of the senior nurses on behalf of the staff. Her Royal Highness made a thorough inspection of the building, including the spacious kitchens, and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements for the comfort of everyone, as well as approval of the furniture, fittings, and scheme of decoration. After taking tea in the restaurant, the Princess made a graceful and appropriate speech to the assembled nurses, who cheered her enthusiastically.

A PLEASANT invitation has reached us from the Children of Barton Ward at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, to tea on the Queen's Birthday, to help them to celebrate the "Relief of Mafeking." The card of invitation is appropriately decorated with the Union Jack, and the British ensign, while the resolute face of Lord Kitchener appears in a medallion in the centre. Underneath is the motto, "The End crowns All." Are we to understand that Lord Kitchener's organizing ability contributed to the relief of Mafeking? It is more than likely.

MANY hospitals are expressing the feeling of joy which surged over the country, when the news of the relief of this heroic little town became known. We hear of decorations, of children's cots adorned with flags, and many other signs that the sick folk, and their nurses, are not a whit behind the rest of the world in their appreciation of the magnificent defence made by General Baden-Powell and his tiny, but courageous garrison.

THE nurses of the Metropolitan Hospitals and of London Nursing Institutions, are invited to spend a "Day of Rest" at Hertingfordbury, on Wednesday, June 27th. Hospitality is provided by Canon Burnside, so that the expense of the day amounts to 2s. 6d. Any who wish to be present should communicate with the Rev. A. G. Locke, St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park, or with Canon Burnside, Rector of Hertingfordbury, Hertford. There will be two short services in the parish church, at which the addresses will be given by the Dean of Windsor.

WHEN the hundreds of trained nurses were recently received by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, how many thought of that noble pioneer in nursing reform, Miss Agnes Jones, who initiated the system of nursing at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, and laid down her life at the age of thirty-five, working for the profession she so loved, and worn out by the difficulties which beset all pioneers. We cannot afford to forget our great women, and the name of Agnes Jones must ever be cherished by all nurses who love their profession, and are grateful for the heroic work done by some of its earliest members.

THE Plymouth Guardians, as is the wont of Guardians, are in difficulties about their nurses, two having recently given notice to leave, this being five resignations in less than five months. Some of the Guardians were of opinion that there must be some reason for this constant departure. One of the reasons alleged was the dissatisfaction felt by the nurses at having to lodge outside. A member of the Board enquired whether the new nurse had been informed of this arrangement. The Clerk pathetically remarked that it was a great pity that the Board did not tell him to inform the nurses of all these things, it was not his duty to tell them all the inconveniences they would experience. A member of the Board retorted that he thought the fact of the nurses living outside might be mentioned as one of the attractions of the post. It was suggested by one member that the reason for the refusal to assign any cause for leaving was that "nurses wanted testimonials, and they remembered how the Board served one who divulged something." If the Board do not safeguard the interests of the nurses who acquaint them with irregularities, they cannot be surprised if their nursing staff are shy at taking this course, though there is no doubt that it is the right one.

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