

Nursing Echoes.

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ON Saturday, Princess Henry of Battenberg laid the foundation-stone of a Nurses' Home, which is to be erected as an addition to the Royal Albert Hospital at Devonport at a cost of £6,000. The Princess and her suite were escorted by Lieutenant-General Sir William Butler to the Hospital, where she was welcomed by Lord St. Leven and a distinguished company, and received addresses from the Managing Committee of the Institution and the Corporation of Devonport.

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MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE has received the great American preacher, Dr. Talmage, and his wife. She told Dr. Talmage many of her experiences in the Crimean War, and, in answer to a question, said that she never had been really happy until she began the work of relief, and had never seen an unhappy day since she undertook her mission.

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THOSE visiting the Hospital Section at Earl's Court, cannot fail to be pleased with the excellence of this exhibit; and we learn that the organization of the architectural arrangements is largely due to Mr. Marcus E. Collins, architect, of 61, Old Broad Street, E.C., who is a Vice-President of Charing Cross Hospital, who has most generously given the Special Appeal Committee the value of his expert knowledge "for the good of the cause."

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PLEASE notice in the advertising room a small Section relating to the NURSING RECORD. Here are a very up-to-date little dollie Matron and nurse absorbed in reading their miniature RECORDS—as all up-to-date Matrons and nurses should do, because we learn from the placard that this paper "should be read by all those interested—(1) in the efficient Nursing of the Sick, and (2) in the Organization of Nursing as a Profession by State Registration of Nurses," and that it is "the only nurses' journal edited by a trained nurse." All good and sufficient reasons, we think.

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THE nurses resident at the time in Sir Julian

Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton, at once sent a letter of grateful appreciation to the President, Mrs. Lionel Lucas, when they learnt that she had given a donation of £50 towards the funds "in honour of Mafeking." We hope that they will also do what they can to interest their friends in the Endowment Fund of the Home. It would, indeed, be a happy day if we could announce that, by the help of the nurses who visit the Home, and speak so glowingly of its home comforts, the £5,000 required for investment to make the Home self-supporting, was safely invested. We could wish to see all women imbued with that good old thrifty self-respect which made them desire above all things to "help themselves." If each nurse who has visited the Home in the past could obtain £2 zs., the thing would be done! It sounds easy.

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THOSE amongst us who worked as Sisters in large London Hospitals twenty years ago, well remember the fact that, excepting during the annual vacation, time off duty did not permit of our getting a sniff of sea or country air, and one of the greatest advantages enjoyed by latter-day Sisters and Nurses is the long leave of absence from Saturday to Monday, given by so many hospitals either fortnightly or monthly. Indeed, we hear it said on many sides that, without this most necessary rest and change, it would be impossible to keep going.

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AT the same time, the largest of salaries are not inexhaustible, averaging, as they do, from £30 to £40 a year, and Sisters and nurses who have many calls upon their slender purses, find it somewhat difficult to pay for these holidays, which, in many instances, are compulsory.

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THE Committee of Guy's Hospital, which of late years has made such sweeping reforms and improvements in the nursing department, set themselves to solve this difficulty, and have arranged to retain two beds from Saturday to Monday for their nursing staff at the Brighton Home of Rest, for the nine months from October to June, by paying a fixed sum yearly. The Committee, we believe, also give the Sisters free railway passes, so that, by this kindly arrangement, the Sisters who visit the Home can now enjoy their holiday free of cost. It is good to be a Sister in these days.

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AT the Westminster Coroner's Court, Mr. J. Troutbeck recently held an inquest into the death of a child a month old. The mother stated that, acting on the advice of the midwife, she placed her child when only a fortnight old in charge of

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