

and John healing the sick at the Beautiful Gate. Messrs. Bell and Son, of Bristol, who have designed the window, have voluntarily contributed the tracery work with the emblems of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and below the window is the inscription: "To the glory of God, and in affectionate remembrance of William Connor; born May 8, 1851, and died July 4, 1887."

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

THE Royal Naval and Military Bazaar for the establishment and maintenance of Soldiers and Sailors' Homes at the various naval and military stations at home and abroad will be held some time in May, Her Majesty having graciously consented to patronise it.

IN Washington, an international "Council of Women" has commenced its sittings, its object being to "advance the cause of female suffrage, and to promote the amelioration of the condition of women throughout the world." Several delegates from England were present.

THE City of London Union has, on the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee, discharged certain inmates who were able to perform the duties as assistants, and appointed them as servants at fixed weekly payments with extra diet.

THE quaint Hospital Chapel at Ilford, one of the oldest buildings of its kind, is being restored and enlarged under the superintendence of Mr. J. M. Brooks, architect.

THE Hospital Saturday Fund has done well to secure Sir S. A. Blackwood, Secretary to the Post Office, as a Vice-President.

THE Local Government Board have authorized the Metropolitan Asylums District Board to expend and raise on loan sums of £63,392 and £2,750, in connection with the erection of the proposed Small-Pox Hospital at Darenth.

THE National Dental Hospital now admits female registered students to its practice.

THE German Emperor and Empress have supplemented the gifts of the Indian shawls Her Majesty the Queen recently made to Lady Morell Mackenzie, by sending several valuable presents.

H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN'S FUND has provided, since Christmas last, 4,500 children and 643 men with dinners.

THE Fatherless Children Asylum, at Reedham, has, since its foundation in 1844, admitted 1,523 children to its benefit.

MR. DUNCAN MATHESON, of Manchester, has been successful in obtaining subscriptions amounting to £20,000, in aid of the St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children of that city.

MISS C. E. DENISON, 196, Cromwell Road, S.W., on behalf of the Ladies' Committee of the Church Emigration Society, appeals for funds to assist in helping domestic servants to emigrate.

THE endeavour to prove Mr. Mitchell, of pugilistic fame, to have once been a medical student, ends in a statement that not long since he was employed as a groom and coachman by a surgeon at Balsall Heath, Birmingham. We breathe freer now.

IT has been arranged to refer the matter to arbitration in the case where Miss Mary Matthews (who claims to have founded St. Raphael's Hospital, Chelsea) moved for an injunction before Mr. Justice Chitty, to restrain the trustees (Lord E. Talbot and others) excluding her from the management of that institution.

NURSING ECHOES.

*** Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are specially invited for these columns.*

THERE has been plenty of excitement lately in the nursing world, and numerous hospital wards have been brightened by gossip about novel nursing matters; while outside these quiet haunts the same questions have received no little attention, and created no small wonderment.

It really seems to an outsider as if nurses and nursing had all at once sprung into a pre-eminent place in the public mind. Of course it is not so, but is only the natural result of a rapid revolution which has been going on in our midst. For the last fifteen years a higher class of women, socially and intellectually, has been adopting woman's noblest work—tending the sick—than was formerly the case; while nursing has been developed, practically within the same period, into a recognised art.

FIRST there was the Queen's Jubilee gift from the women of England. The accounts have now been closed, and more than £70,000 has been handed over to the proposed Nursing Fund out of the total £84,000 collected. The Queen has referred the

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