

## COMPETITIVE PRIZE ESSAY.

A BOOK of the value of One Guinea will be awarded for the best Essay on—  
 "What Constitutes an Efficient Nurse."

### RULES.

1.—Contributions must reach the Editor, at the office of THE NURSING RECORD, not later than May 5th, 1888, addressed as follows, "Prize Essay Competition, THE NURSING RECORD, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C."

2.—Manuscript must be written distinctly in ink, and on one side of the paper only, upon not less than 24 or more than 30 pages of ordinary-sized ruled sermon paper.

3.—The real and full name and address (stating whether Miss or Mrs.) of the Competitor must be inscribed on the back of each contribution, and notification of which hospital or institution the Competitor has been or is attached to.

4.—Trained nurses or those personally associated with nursing work only allowed to compete.

5.—The decision of the Prize Essay Editor to be final, and any infringement of the above rules will be considered a disqualification.

NOTICE.—The Prize Essay Editor will not undertake to return MSS. unless accompanied with a sufficiently stamped addressed envelope.

## A COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR BARNET.

ON Saturday last the Earl of Strafford laid the foundation-stone of a new cottage hospital at Barnet. The hospital, which will cost about £3,000, and will accommodate ten patients, is intended to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, and, by command of Her Majesty, will be known as the Victoria Hospital for Barnet and District. It is the intention of the committee to add, at some future date, a dispensary and a home for trained nurses who will undertake the nursing of the sick poor in the district. Addresses were delivered by the Earl of Strafford, Sir Charles Nicholson, Rev. H. Joy Browne, Rev. D. W. Barrett, Frank Bevan, Esq., and Rev. G. Twentyman, hon. sec.

## HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE Small-pox Hospital of the St. George's Local Board, Bristol, is completed.

MR. BANBURY, of 60, Eaton Place, S.W., has just given £500 to the Hospital at St. Leonards-on-Sea.

THE Earl of Derby, Mr. O. Heywood, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Crossley, and Sir W. Houldsworth have each contributed £1,000 to the St. Mary's Hospital for Women at Manchester.

ROSTREVOR, in Ulster, is about to have a sanatorium provided for it.

MR. NATHANIEL MONTEFIÖRE has given £1,500 to the University College Hospital, and some Colonial "Old Students" have made donations. The patients relieved in 1887 were 44,380, and the debt owing last year is £17,000.

By the will of the late Lady Esmonde £3,860 has been left to the Wexford Lying-in Hospital.

MR. PICKERSGILL, M.P., has moved for a return setting forth the accommodation provided in work-houses, infirmaries, and sick asylums of the metropolis.

THE London cabmen of the United Cab Trade have secured by their exertions £163 on behalf of the Hospital Saturday Fund.

## GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

INQUIRIES at many leading West End tailors have disproved entirely the numberless assertions about tight lacing, the general information being that the tailors never make a dress with a waist less than eighteen inches except on very rare occasions.

THE Polytechnic "Young Women's Christian Institute," 15, Langham Place, was opened on Monday evening last by its founder, Mr. Quintin Hogg. There are already 500 applications for membership.

THERE are at the present time about a dozen women who practise as dentists in the United Kingdom.

THE inhabitants of Brompton are going to petition against the continued use of the cemetery in their district as a burial place.

MRS. TIRARD will give two courses of lectures to ladies on "Ancient Egypt," at the British Museum, commencing April 13th.

MRS. A. B. MARSHALL is about to publish a new and most comprehensive cookery book.

DR. SYMES THOMPSON will lecture upon "Physic," in the Theatre of Gresham College, Basinghall Street, to-day and to-morrow.

THE Princess Christian is a Patroness and the Earl of Meath the President of the most useful society called "The After Cure Association for Poor and Friendless Female Convalescents on Leaving Asylums for the Insane."

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