

Nursing Echoes.

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It is reported that the Duke and Duchess of CONNAUGHT attended a meeting in Portsmouth Town Hall in connection with the Portsmouth Association for Nursing the Sick Poor, which is affiliated with the Queen Victoria Institute for Nurses. His Royal Highness moved a resolution commending the Association to public support.

Admiral the Earl of CLANWILLIAM seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

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HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN presided at the monthly meeting of the Registration Board of the R.B.N.A., at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, on Friday, the 17th inst.

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I AM told that Princess CHRISTIAN presided on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at a meeting of the Committee of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, held by kind permission of Lady BLOOMFIELD at 21, Queen's Gate Gardens. Amongst those present were Lady BLOOMFIELD, Lady BOOTHBY, Mrs. F. A. BEVAN, Mrs. NEWMAN, Miss ROBERTSON, Captain the Hon. J. M. YORKE, Mr. V. WILLIAMSON, Mr. F. A. WHITE, and Mr. R. GOFTON SALMOND, hon. secretary. The report for the past year, which was received and adopted, deplored the falling off, from death and other causes, of annual subscriptions. No vacancy has occurred during the past year among the annuitants, of whom there are now 12, each receiving £15 a year. An investment of £100 has been made during the past year, raising the capital to £4,372. Various applications were considered, and five additional names added to the list of candidates, on which there are now 16. In the report, which Her Royal Highness signed, the Committee confidently recommended the charity to the public, on the ground that no persons are more entitled to sympathy and support than broken-down-nurses, who, having devoted their time and thoughts to the care of others, and the alleviation of suffering, are left, when their own health fails, with no means of support.

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THE Marquis of LORNE presided over a meeting held at the Vicarage, St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, convened by the Hon. and Rev. E. CARR-GLYN, in support of Miss KATE MARSDEN'S mission among the lepers. Princess LOUISE, Lady MARY GLYN, and many other well-known ladies and gentlemen were present. In introducing Miss MARSDEN, the Marquis stated that the Grand Duke SERGE of Russia had spoken to him of the very high opinion the Emperor and Empress had of Miss MARSDEN'S work.

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MISS DE PLEDGE—the greatly respected and popular Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary—favours me with the following note of the recent examination, held for the probationers of that Institution, which took place about a week or two ago. The average was extremely good, and reflected the highest credit on the way in which they all had worked and profited by the instruction they had received. Nurse MILLS came out first, Nurse HAYTER being a very good second, having scored only two marks less. Nurses HALL and REED were as well placed third and fourth. The subjects included Elementary Anatomy, Physiology, and Nursing.

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I am informed that a wrong impression may have been caused by an answer which appeared lately to a correspondent, and which might be taken to mean that religious disqualification in the case of Nurses not belonging to the Church of England existed at University College Hospital. As a matter of fact, Sister CECILIA, the much-esteemed Sister Superintendent, writes to inform me that "Nurses of all creeds are employed as vacancies occur." I am glad to be able to make this known, although it is only a measure of justice which one would expect to prevail at an Institution, which stands so deservedly high in the estimation of the Nursing world as University College Hospital.

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AS we go to press, I hear that Miss CHARLOTTE M. BANN, Matron of the Bristol General Hospital, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. I cordially congratulate her on her success.

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MISS BARLING, who has been trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and who is a Gold Medallist, has been appointed Matron to the Kidderminster Infirmary. She was selected out of a great number of candidates, and I feel sure the Committee have made a very wise appointment in electing her to this responsible position.

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