

sores. The patients receive every possible care and attention, and are far better nursed than many a rich man in his own home. Each Nurse has a Sunday off once a month, with three weeks' holiday in the year, and two hours every other day for walking exercise or recreation. I went over the new building which is making good progress towards completion; the sanitary arrangements will receive particular attention; the hospital will be fireproof, and between each floor there are nine inches of concrete.

After our round of inspection, I enjoyed an excellent cup of tea in Miss Vacher's sanctum.

As I left Miss Vacher and Poplar Hospital, going out of the cheery brightness into the dismal dirty streets, with the sordid poverty everywhere so apparent, I reflected on the immense benefit which is rendered to the poor by this Hospital with its doors ever wide open for the reception of the dying and badly injured. Funds are earnestly needed for the furnishing of the new wards, and I trust this account may induce some of my readers to contribute or obtain donations from their friends towards its needs.

### Nursing Echoes.

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THERE was a special and pathetic interest, says the *Daily Telegraph*, in the visit on March 27th of the Empress FREDERIC to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden-square. It was not the first time that her Imperial Majesty has examined the arrangements of the institution, with which she was again pleased to express her complete satisfaction; but the im-

mediate purpose of the visit was to accord permission, on the anniversary of his death, to dedicate the Children's Ward to the memory of her late son Prince WALDEMAR, who died on March 27, 1879, at the age of eleven years, of diphtheria. This ward is devoted to children under twelve years of age who are suffering from troubles of the glands or growths requiring the operation of tracheotomy; and as it is constantly full, this department stands particularly in need of funds. Before leaving, the

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Empress wrote in the visitors' book, in addition to her signature: "This ward named to-day the Prince WALDEMAR Ward, in remembrance of Prince WALDEMAR of Prussia. March 27, 1893." The Empress, who was attended by Countess BRUHL, was received by Mr. COURTENAY WELCH (chairman of committee), Dr. BOND (the Dean), Mr. ALFRED MACKENZIE, Mr. HOVELL, Mr. THORNTON SHARP (Secretary), and the Matron, Miss MACKEY, by whom her Majesty was escorted over the building.

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I AM told that Dr. ARABELLA KENEALY, who is a daughter of the late Dr. KENEALY, has in the press a novel, entitled "Dr. Janet of Harley-street." This, which will be published immediately by Messrs. DIGBY, LONG & Co., is said to embody the author's somewhat unorthodox views upon the woman's question and to portray some interesting features of feminine medical life.

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I HAVE much pleasure in stating that Miss ADELAIDE L. EYRE, as successful candidate in the Forty-second Postcard Examination, has chosen for her prize that pretty and attractive book, "*Hors de Combat*, or Three Weeks in a Hospital."

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THERE is quite an acute agitation going on in the medical profession, against the dirty habit of kissing the Book when being sworn in a Court of Law. It is well known that disease has frequently been thus conveyed to the lips from an engrimed Testament, and attention is being called to the fact that legally an oath can be taken without kissing the Bible at all. I therefore advise any of my readers who may have to give evidence in a Court of Law, to cut out the following extract from the law on the subject, paste it in her note book for reference, and demand to be sworn in this more cleanly fashion.

*Oaths Act, 1888.*

Section 5.—"If any person to whom an oath is administered desires to swear with uplifted hand, in the form and manner in which an oath is usually administered in Scotland, he shall be permitted so to do, and the oath shall be administered to him in such form and manner without further question."

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THE *Lancet* last week published the following excellent article on Antiseptic Midwifery, by Dr. CLEMENT GODSON, which many of my readers will be glad to see, and which I therefore quote in full:—

"At the annual meeting of the Governors of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, held in February, it was reported that no death had occurred amongst the women delivered in the Hospital during the past year. The last death took place in May, 1891, so that there has been no

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