

Nursing Echoes.

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NURSES will join with all other sections of the community in earnestly wishing the Princess MAY OF TECK all health and happiness in her new life. The womenkind of England will be rejoiced that the heavy cloud, which overshadowed the popular Princess in the very moment of her new-found happiness, last year, has now broken and passed away.

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UNDER the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess CHRISTIAN and H.R.H. the Duke of CAMBRIDGE, K.G., a grand evening concert will be given on behalf of the Middlesex Hospital, at St. James's Hall, on Monday, May 15th. A full and varied list of talented artistes have generously promised their services, among whom, as vocalists, are Mesdames Giulia Valda, Esther Palliser, Marian McKenzie, and Florence Hoskins; Messrs. Ben Davies, David Bispham, Temple Saxe, and Joseph Claus. There are other names, far too numerous to mention here, but as we give the list of conductors in full, our readers may think it well worth coming from far and near to attend so exceptional a gathering. Prices for admission vary from one guinea to one shilling; and all the proceeds will be given to this deserving Institution—the Middlesex Hospital. Conductors, Miss Bessie Waugh, Signori Tosti and A. Romili, Messrs. Otto Caudle, Wilhelm Ganz, and Raphaël Roche. Tickets can be obtained from the Hospital or at the usual offices.

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A CLERGY Nursing Home has been publicly inaugurated at a meeting held at the Church House, presided over by the Bishop of London, president of the Hostel. The Hon. Secretary, Canon W. H. COOPER, read a brief account of what had already been done. Nine patients had been treated at the Hostel, several of them had serious operations very successfully performed. Five of these cases had both medical and surgical treatment and nursing free, while others had paid from 10s. 6d. to £2 2s. a week. Letters expressing their gratitude and thanks were read from the patients. Several speakers addressed the meeting, and spoke in high

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terms of praise of the work that had been already done. Upwards of thirty bishops are vice-presidents of the Institution, amongst whom are the Bishops of Gloucester and Bristol and of Bath and Wells. The Dean of Bristol is also a member of the General Council. H.R.H. the Princess CHRISTIAN and a number of ladies of rank and influence have become patronesses, and an honorary staff of distinguished physicians and surgeons have given their services for the benefit of the Institution. Diocesan branches are now being formed.

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AN eminent medical man sent us, last week, a circular, which he had just received, and to which we draw the very earnest attention of our readers and the public. It exhibits very well the manner in which the work of Nurses is even now exploited, although matters have improved very greatly in this direction since the formation of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We will not repeat the words used by our distinguished correspondent, which are decidedly strong, but the *Lancet* prints the circular in question, without, however, giving the writer's name and address—which, for the sake of others, we give in full—and heads it: "An Insult to the Profession." It runs as follows:—

1, Broad Street Buildings, E. C.,
1st May.

SIR,—I am at present organising an Institute for the supply of trained Nurses for medical, monthly, surgical, and all other classes of cases. In order to secure the patronage of medical gentlemen, I beg to offer them twenty per cent. of all the gross proceeds of business obtained through their recommendation. May I venture to ask that you, sir, will do what you can to make my scheme a success. I should be happy to call upon you at your convenience to give what further information may be required.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

N. ALEXANDER.

I venture very confidently to predict that Mr. ALEXANDER's scheme will not prove a success—so far as the assistance of medical men is concerned.

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I AM told that Miss LAYCOCK recently resigned the post of Matron at the Cottage Hospital at Bromsgrove on account of ill-health, and that the Committee have appointed Miss EVELINA J. WORTHINGTON as her successor. For the last four years this lady has been Matron of Andover Cottage Hospital.

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I OBSERVE that there is some thought of starting a private Nursing Home in connection with the General Hospital at Nottingham, and that it is apparently meeting with some local opposition.

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