

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE *Queen* had an interesting account last week of the British Women's section of the Chicago Exhibition, noting the fact, which I reported a fortnight ago, that on the opening day this section was not only practically complete, but was the only section in the building which was ready. The following paragraph, from our contemporary, will be interesting to Nurses.

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THE British Nursing section, under Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, has been given a room to itself, which is situated on the first floor of the Gallery of Honour, next to the library. This section, as all the other British ones, is well forward, and will be completely ready in a few days, and is a most complete exhibit of all appliances conducive to Nursing on a scientific basis, and the decorations of the room are highly artistic and tasteful. This section will, it is thought, be without a rival in this particular branch of women's work, which is one that is so conducive to the welfare of the nations, and so essentially associated with the great progress which women have made in the last century.

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ACCORDING to my latest batch of American papers, the address which Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK delivered, as the selected representative of England, at the opening of the Exhibition, aroused the greatest interest, and her remarks upon the growth of the British Empire, during Her Majesty's reign, and her description of that marvellous development, as largely due to the wisdom and foresight of our beloved *Queen*, were loudly applauded by the great assemblage.

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NURSES were recently amused by the characteristic and quite unnecessary opinions of Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT, upon "Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK'S Position." I doubt if the *Hospital*, which is devoting less and less attention to Nursing news—and very wisely—will inform its readers of the "position" ascribed to this well-known lady by the

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authorities of the International Exhibition at Chicago, in selecting her as the representative of the women of England on this historical occasion. One of our readers in Chicago, writing to us on this subject, says: "This selection of Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, which was amply justified by the remarkably thoughtful and eloquent address which she delivered, was more marked seeing that there were so many well-known English women present; and that the Countess of ABERDEEN, who, as the wife of the new Governor General of Canada, holds a unique position in American society, was selected to speak on behalf of the women of Scotland and Ireland. Both speeches were received with much applause, and altogether those of us who hailed from the old country felt very proud of its representatives."

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THERE seems to have been considerable difficulty experienced in getting the New Nurses' Home, at the General Hospital in Hobart, furnished. The authorities, it appears, desired new and elaborate furniture; the Chief Secretary, in view of the present finances of the Colony, declined to sanction any heavy expenditure; and the Matron vainly urged that, furniture being indispensable, it would be better to use, for a time, at any rate, the articles in use in the old Home. I hope, by now, that the matter is satisfactorily settled, and that the Nurses have beds and chairs to rest on, and tables and dishes to eat from.

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ONE of my readers in Sydney asks me to notice the following ceremony, which she fears we "may not feel inclined to do as it is a Roman Catholic work." I can assure her that she need not have doubted. This Journal recognizes no distinction of creeds, or sects. Nurses, who literally fulfil the Divine command to tend the sick, sooner or later realise the grand underlying truth—that disease is the great leveller of humanity, that, face to face with Death and Eternity, forms and ceremonies fade away into insignificance, and that it is the Publican who goes down to his last home justified rather than the Pharisee.

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THE news which she sends is as follows:—The Roman Catholic Nursing Sisters, known as "The Little Company of Mary," finding it necessary to have a chapel for their own use in connection with their Hospital at Lewisham for women and children, sought the aid of some of their friends,

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