

Nursing Echoes.

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HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN came to London on Friday, the 3rd inst., and took the chair at the monthly meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association. She will also take the chair at a meeting of the Special Committee on Cholera Nursing, which will be held tomorrow at 20, Upper Wimpole street.



I AM extremely glad to hear of the exceedingly prosperous condition of the Nurses' Co-operation, and hope that every year it will prosper more and more until "Nurse-sweating" and "Nurse-farms," are an unknown quantity in the land. Its Second Annual Meeting was held on the 2nd inst., at 20, Hanover Square, W. Sir WILLIAM MACCOR-MACK presided, and a number of influential friends attended. A letter was read from the Duchess of TECK, regretting her inability to attend, and giving her patronage to this scheme for securing to trained Nurses their own earnings.

THE series of Lectures to Teachers, inaugurated by the National Health Society, which I mentioned a week or two ago, began on Feb. 7th., at the Society's Committee Room, 53, Berners Street, at 4 p.m., and will continue every Tuesday until April 12th. They consist of a Course of Ten Lectures on Human Anatomy and Physiology, given by an eminent authority and well-known lecturer of the Society. Although this Course forms part of the training for teachers, outsiders are admitted by payment, and members on presentation of their members' card.

A SPECIAL FUND is being formed by this Society to enable them to extend their gratuitous teaching amongst the poor in London as well as in country places. Constant appeals are being made by the Clergy and Charitable Societies for help in this direction, but to make it possible to comply with them all, a considerable increase in funds is absolutely necessary. It is hoped that many who do not see their way to becoming members of the Society, will yet endeavour to contribute something towards this Special Fund.

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OUR influential contemporary, the *Indian Medical Record*, in its New Year's issue, just received, has the following interesting article on "Nurses and Nursing in India."

"INDIA, both in its large cities and its smaller mofussil stations, offers a very wide and fairly remunerative field for the employment of women in the profession of Nursing. The demand for Nurses is large, and must of necessity increase as the knowledge and sway of Western medicine is spread over this Empire. The material for the supply of this demand is in no way deficient, either in quantity or in the all important requirement of thorough and efficient training. Hitherto, the training of Nurses has been limited to the numerical needs of our large city hospitals, but in recent years the rapid colonization of the country by Europeans, has created an urgent demand for qualified and trained Nurses. This has been met by the opening of our Hospitals to numerous candidates for nursing work, and thus, in a few years, a somewhat formidable army of Nurses has been turned out ready for work.

A twelvemonth's attendance and course of training is at present considered adequate for each candidate, and she receives a certificate of competency at the end of this term, and starts life as a qualified Nurse. The ordinary fee paid to such women is five rupees a day, and were a Nurse thus paid, regularly employed for at least twenty days in each month, she would be earning a fairly decent livelihood. Our large cities are now becoming glutted with Nurses, and there is complaint that many are out of work, for long intervals, and find it difficult to live.

In this connection, we would invite very pointed attention to the fact that as qualified European and Eurasian Nurses find it difficult to obtain work in the land of their adoption, every effort to utilise their services in the country ought strenuously to be made, and with this important economic phase of the question before the military and civil authorities of India, we protest against there being any semblance of justice or necessity pleaded for the increasing yearly importation of Nurses from England to fill the highly-salaried appointments of the Indian Nursing Service of the British Army. We would further appeal to their Excellencies Lord and Lady ROBERTS, who are responsible for the origin of the Indian Nursing Service, to crown their

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