

Nursing Echoes.

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I HAVE been reading with great interest the Annual Report of Princess CHRISTIAN'S Trained Nurses' Fund, for 1892, which has just been issued. The Committee record the "very marked development in the scheme which has taken place during the past year in two ways, the addition of trained Nurses for private cases, and the establishment of a Home in which the District Nurses and the Private Nurses have been brought together under the direction of a Lady Superintendent."



HITHERTO, the Report continues, "the three District Nurses have been lodged and boarded in Keppel Terrace, and, though this arrangement was not unsuitable for the Institution in its early stage, the growth of the work has made a change desirable." After careful consideration a suitable house was taken, and H.R.H. Princess CHRISTIAN graciously opened it in person, on November 8th, 1892. The second new departure, the provision of Nurses for private cases, has grown out of the popularity and proved usefulness of the Princess's Nurses to the poor. "At first two Nurses, fully qualified, were engaged, but the demand was so great that a third was soon found a necessity, and within a few days past a fourth, capable also of acting as monthly Nurse, has been added to the staff. Up to the time of writing all the Nurses have been in constant employment, and the step taken has been amply justified."

THE Fund has been affiliated with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, which has made a grant of £100 to the work. The Committee expresses its thanks to Miss SIMPSON, the Lady Superintendent, and to the Nurses for the manner in which they have performed their duties. But it perforce says nothing, although I can well believe it might faithfully have said much, as to the invaluable advice and assistance accorded to the Fund by Her Royal Highness, whose hand can be easily perceived in the great usefulness of the scheme and in the success which it has achieved. During

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the year nearly 7,000 visits were paid to 345 patients—an average of rather more than 20 visits to each case—a fact upon which I think the Committee might justly have laid more stress, as it proves incontestably the serious nature of most of the cases, and the great attention given to them.

THE Balance Sheet is satisfactory, as the expenses were £10 less than the receipts, and the Fund has nearly £500 in hand—another proof of the wisdom with which its management has been conducted.

I HEAR that H.R.H. Princess CHRISTIAN has sent handsomely bound and autographed copies of her translations of "First Aid to the Injured," by Dr. Friedrich Esmarck, and "Lebensgefahr im Eigenen Hause," by T. Pridgin Teale, M.A., to the Nursing Library in the British Nursing Section of the Chicago Exhibition.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN presented on Saturday, at the Albert Institute, Windsor, the medallions and certificates, signed by her Royal Highness, which had been awarded to the male and female members of the Windsor Centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association, of whose number fifty had successfully passed the examination.

THERE are rumours that very frequent Meetings of the R.B.N.A. Committee are being held, at which H.R.H., the President, is a regular attendant, for the purpose of organizing more than one important new scheme for Nurses.

MISS FLORENCE SMEDLEY, Sister of Darker Ward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the new Convalescent Home at Swanley, built with the munificent sum of £100,000, given for that purpose by Mr. PETER REID. Miss SMEDLEY entered the training school of St. Bartholomew's in 1884, and has had a brilliant professional record, gaining the Gold Medal as first of her class in 1887, and from that date having had charge as Sister of important wards. Miss SMEDLEY is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse, and has the honour of representing Hospital Sisters on the Executive Committee of the Association. The Convalescent Home contains upwards of 150 beds, the salary being £120, and the management is vested in the hands of Trustees, namely, Mr. PETER REID, Sir WILLIAM SAVORY, and Mr. H. W. CROSS.

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