

unity and sympathy which Her Gracious Majesty allows, nay, invites her subjects to feel with her, and which she shows in so high and warm a degree with all, even the humblest of her millions of subjects. Her Majesty's reign is now the longest of all the reigns but one of any British sovereign—longer than all except that of her own illustrious ancestor, George III. And, if it is longer than all but one, I think we may say that it is greater than all in the extraordinary variety of growth, development, achievement and event with which it has been crowded and made glorious. That noble poet laureate of her age, whom we lost so recently, has spoken, in words which Your Royal Highness will specially remember, of "loyal Nurses." I will ask those who are called by the poet "the loyal Nurses," I will ask them in this loyal college, and all who are fellow subjects with myself, to join in drinking with unusual, if it be possible, warmth and sincerity, the toast of the health of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

The toast was loyally honoured.

THE PROVOST OF QUEENS said: May it please Your Royal Highness, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen,—In the absence of the Vice Chancellor, as his deputy and representative, I am permitted to propose another toast. The nation has great reason to be grateful to the members of the Royal family for their kind readiness and willingness to forward and co-operate with all good and beneficent movements, and there is no object more deserving of support and encouragement than that with which Her Royal Highness Princess Christian has allowed her name to be associated. Here in Oxford especially, where for more than a century and a half, the city, the county, and the University have been supporting and feeling proud of their noble Radcliffe Infirmary; where for more than 25 years special care and attention have been given to sanitary matters, and where of late an institution so useful as the Acland Nursing Home has been unobtrusively rendering such valuable service to the City and University, here, especially, we are glad to welcome an Association which has for its objects the amelioration of the noble profession of Nursing, the improvement of the qualification and its better organisation, and which further aims to secure that when laid aside by sickness, exhaustion, or old age, its members shall not be wholly destitute of those comforts which in health and strength they so bountifully minister to their sick and suffering fellow-creatures. I give you the health of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, President of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Her Royal Highness bowed her acknowledgement.

This concluded the toast list, and the members afterwards inspected the College buildings and grounds, and visited other Colleges and the University Museum. An organ recital was also given by the College Organist (Dr. Roberts) in Magdalen Chapel, and many members availed themselves of the invitation to tea extended to them by Sir Henry and Miss Acland, at their residence in Broad Street.

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

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Letters to the Editor.

NURSING LECTURERS FOR RURAL DISTRICTS.

To the Editor of "the Nursing Record."

SIR,—I should be grateful if you will permit me through your widely read columns, to ask whether any member of the Royal British Nurses' Association is able and willing to give Lectures on Nursing in rural districts. The terms offered are £10 a month for eight months and certain travelling expenses.

I should be glad if any member desirous of such work would communicate with me at the above address, as soon as possible.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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