

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE Queen has presented a diamond and ruby brooch to Mrs. GREEN, the Nurse engaged at the birth of the infant Prince. Mrs. GREEN has also received several other handsome presents from members of the Royal Family, including a diamond and sapphire brooch from the Duke and Duchess of YORK, a gold brooch-locket, containing a lock of the young Prince's hair, from the Duke of YORK, and a silver cream jug and sugar basin from the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

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BRITISH Nurses are to be congratulated upon the fact that the Paper prepared by Princess CHRISTIAN, as President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and read before the International Congress of Hygiene, at Buda-Pest, was the only Paper presented from any country referring to the legal status of the trained Nurse—a conclusive proof of the precedence of British Nurses in the demand for reform, and of the benefit of co-operation and organisation.

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THE paper by Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, entitled "Village Sanitation in India" was read in the Tropical Section, at the International Congress of Hygiene, over which Dr. THEODORE DUKA, of London, presided, and, after considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Dr. G. V. POORE:—"The Tropical Section of the Congress, having had under consideration a paper by Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, on 'Village Sanitation in India,' are of opinion that the subject is a very important one, affecting, as it does, the health and prosperity of so many millions of industrious, law-abiding people. They appreciate the efforts that have been made in different provinces by the Government of India to promote this work, and, looking to the special conditions of village communities in India, they think the best results will be obtained through the co-operation of the people themselves, if they are instructed in the primary rules of health. The most pressing needs appear to be a wholesome water supply and the removal of refuse and other insanitary matter from the neighbourhood of dwelling houses."

MISS PAULINE PETER, Inspector of Queen's Nurses, writes to *Nursing Notes* :—

"Perhaps it may interest the readers of *Nursing Notes* to hear that District Nursing on the lines of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute is to be begun in Holland. The Dutch lady who is organising the work there writes :—

"I will tell you what is going on in my country on the line of District Nursing. There is a good deal of it all mixed up with charity and parish work. I have felt long since that this won't do, and so, having read Mr. Rathbone's *History of District Nursing*, and Mrs. Dacre Craven's *Guide*, I was fully convinced it was Jubilee Nursing we wanted. As a member of a Committee for social matters, I proposed the affair, wrote a pamphlet on it just a year ago, and pointed out the excellence of the Queen's Nursing, and lectured about it, and now things are so far on as to enable us to start it in two different cities; we did not think at first that things would go on so fast, but now we only want the Nurse. Being asked to lecture on District Nursing in my own country, I came over to Dublin to St. Patrick's Home to see the work. I have now seen much of it, and am fully determined to have it on exactly the same lines in Holland, may I soon be able to say all over Holland."

"Miss Kreuzssée, a Dutch lady, who had come ten months ago to be trained in District Nursing in Dublin, and who is now "Queen's Nurse," is to be allowed to return at once to Holland and begin work there. We hope afterwards to be able to give a further report of the work and its success in Holland."

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OUR German correspondent sends us the following paragraph from the *Hamburger Freie Presse* :—

"An attempt is being made at the training school, connected with the General Hospital at Elberfeld, Prussia, to train 'refined and educated ladies' as Nurses. The training school, under the auspices of the 'Deaconic Society' is called 'Deaconic Seminary.' Protestants ladies only, between the ages of twenty and forty, are admitted. The aim of the Society is to banish certain rules and regulations which are, as a rule, to be found connected with nearly all Hospitals in Prussia and Germany. Probationers are accepted as Nurses after a satisfactory trial course of six to eight weeks. Full training course lasts but one year. Nurses will receive no pay whatever during their training course, but board, lodging and laundry will be given gratuitously. Nurses may leave before the expiration of the training course, and after leaving the Hospital may devote themselves to Private, Hospital, or District Nursing, quite independent of the training school or society. It is to be hoped the experiment will be a success, and a way at last found for our 'refined and educated ladies' to become independent workers and still be 'ladies.' The Nursing Profession being the 'noblest' profession a 'lady' can enter, will no doubt induce many of our hitherto 'cultivated' ladies to enter these ranks and become noble workers and be 'ladies' still. Professor Timmer is at the head of the new undertaking!"

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OUR correspondent remarks: "This attempt at satire upon the part of the writer, in questioning for a moment the wisdom of training educated gentlewomen as Nurses, will be read by English readers not only with surprise, but amusement. Trained Nursing, as we understand it, exists in very few German Hospitals; and, indeed, I doubt if in any they have realised the importance of a three

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