

Nursing Echoes.

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HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN, the President, is to be congratulated upon the large and enthusiastic gathering of members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who assembled at the Annual Meeting at Windsor, on Wednesday. It was a foregone conclusion that the meeting would be a brilliant success under the circumstances, and we hope to give a full account of the function in our next issue.

It was announced in the official column of the R.B.N.A. that Her Royal Highness the President proposes to hold a Bazaar in November next, in aid of the funds of the Association, and we feel sure that the public will afford her the generous support her noble efforts deserve when they learn that, owing to the opposition to the grant of a Royal Charter, nearly £900 of the Nurses' money was expended, thus crippling the resources of the Benevolent Schemes Committee, before which come many sad appeals for help from Nurses disabled by age and ill-health. Her Royal Highness held a Committee Meeting to consider the details of the project on Tuesday afternoon at house of Lady JEUNE.

THE quarterly meeting of the Committee of the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton took place last week at the residence of Lady JEUNE. MRS. LIONEL LUCAS, the good fairy of the Home, was in the Chair. The report was eminently satisfactory, and the letters received from visitors express their sincere appreciation of the comfort and restfulness, which they obtain at the Home.

MISS ANNESLEY KENEALY writes :—"My attention has been drawn to the contemptible attack which has been made upon you in a contemporary by one degrading the medical profession by signing himself 'F.R.C.S.,' the flimsy pretext for the attack being a difference in the wording of an anonymous poem sent to your columns by me. Had not 'F.R.C.S.' sounded a warning note of betrayal to the members of the R.B.N.A., his article would not have been worthy of notice. From it we may gather that he is of opinion that the journal in which he writes

should be treated with the same consideration by the Royal British Nurses' Association, which it accords to those journals which have from its inception given its principles and its members their support and sympathy. Guileless 'F.R.C.S.!' He is not aware, of course, that the members of our Association have for seven years been systematically persecuted, abused, and libelled in the journal to which he is so valuable a contributor, and that the 'scum of the Nursing Profession,' 'women of pseudo-respectability,' 'thieves,' etc., as the Editor of that journal has stigmatised the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, having survived this persecution, do not intend to be degraded into 'copy and cash.'"

In the House of Commons :—

Viscount Folkestone asked the Secretary of State for War whether the 13 men of the 1st Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, now at Noshera in India, who died of typhoid fever were nursed by their comrades as no lady Nurses were to be had ; and why those who had nursed them had been refused extra pay.

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman.—I have no information as to the case to which the noble lord refers. It has always been the practice to employ, in addition to the regular attendants of the Army Hospital Corps and the establishment of lady Nurses, a few soldiers, taken from the corps to which the patients belong, to assist in attendance on special cases ; and recently extra duty pay has been sanctioned for a limited number of these "orderly comrades."

The importance of the question appears to us not so much the amount of salary of the living, as *who is responsible for these deaths?* Typhoid, of all diseases, is the one which responds most satisfactorily to scientific nursing, and it is high time that the supply of Army Sisters in the Indian Army was largely augmented, so that our soldiers' lives may not be sacrificed.

APPLICATION forms will be forwarded in a few days from the Office, 269, Regent Street, to the members of the Registered Nurses' Society who have volunteered for active service with the Reserve of Army Nurses.

It is indeed encouraging, after the late exposures of the terrible condition of the sick in some of our Workhouses, to find that the Local Government Board is beginning to assert its authority—although doubtless, its difficulties in dealing with ignorant Guardians are numerous, and that the public conscience is aroused ; this blot on our civilization it is to be hoped will be removed by united and generous effort on the part of all good citizens.

At a late meeting of the Plymouth Board of Guardians, the following letter was read from the

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