

Nursing Echoes.

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WHEN the Prince of Wales pays his visit to Oxford on May 12th, he will open the new buildings of the Sarah Acland Home for Nurses. No doubt the staff are keenly anticipating the pleasure of welcoming His Royal Highness.

THE Princess of Wales, as Duchess of Cornwall, has consented to become patron of the County Nursing Association, which is to mark the Cornish commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee.

WE advise all "Bart's" nurses to read an interesting article in the *Pall Mall Gazette* of April 22nd, on St. Bartholomew's Hospital. They will find it most interesting, and also it will give them much information concerning their *alma mater*, with which it is only right that they should be acquainted.

IT will interest readers of the *NURSING RECORD* to know that Miss T. Oram, who was one of the nurses appointed by the Government to go to Bombay to nurse the plague-stricken, is a sister of Miss Blanche Oram, the well-known novelist, and of Miss Mona Oram, an accomplished actress, who is now in America, on tour, as a member of Mr. John Hare's company.

A correspondent writes:—

"I was very glad to read your article on the 'Duty of Precaution.' From my own experience I am sure many nurses are very careless about observing a rule of disinfection while nursing cases of enteric fever. In some hospitals also it is not considered necessary to keep separate crockery for the use of these patients, and their bed linen goes to the wash in the ordinary way. It was considered a most extraordinary request on my part once, when I asked for a special feeder for a typhoid patient, and was supposed to be quite a useless fad. Nurses also, do not always, incredible as it may sound to say so, wash and disinfect their hands after attending to typhoid patients. Of course, if they are so careless as this, and prepare the meals of other patients with unwashed hands, they may readily convey the infectious germs to other patients. I know one case where a patient developed typhoid fever when he had been in a hospital for months. Why?"

MISS HARDING, whose appointment to the matronship of the Gwelo Hospital, Rhodesia, we announced last week, holds the certificate of King's College Hospital. After the completion of her training, she was appointed Sister at the Pendlebury Children's Hospital, which post she held for over two years. For the last two years she has acted as Lady Superintendent of the Jenny Lind Infirmary, Norwich. Miss Harding leaves England by the *Dunvegan Castle* on May 1st, accompanied by two nurses, both of whom hold the certificate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

It is proposed to start a Nurses' Co-operation in Cape Town, to be called the Victoria Nurses' Institute, in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There is a wise provision that the matron is to be a trained nurse. Each nurse will be able to rent a furnished room for £2, or a room at a less rental if she provides her own furniture. Nurses are to pay for their board by the meal. Beds will also be available for nurses by the night, or week, and there will be a room where private nurses can for a small fee store their belongings. A registry of certificated nurses will be kept by the matron, and no nurse will be admitted to this who is not properly trained. Subscriptions to the Institute are asked for three years, at the end of which time it is calculated it will be self-supporting.

THE American Press sympathises with "the young Briton" "when pain and anguish rend the brow" against Lady Priestley's maternal solicitude for his mental well-being. Says the *Kansas City Star*—

"The Royal Nursing Association has proved exceedingly attractive to romantic young gentlewomen, and many of those trained nurses are well-born, well bred, well educated, fully the equals of the people who employ them, and in every way attractive. This might be considered a most pleasant state of affairs. But it seems that it is not. In fact, the British matron has discovered it to be downright disastrous. The result of turning susceptible sons and brothers over to the ministrations of these charming nurses has been that, in an alarming number of instances, the patient on his recovery has married his nurse. So prevalent has this sort of a mesalliance become that titled ladies and clergymen's wives, having the preservation of social order at heart, are trying to find some remedy for it.

So far the only action taken has been to strongly recommend to the heads of nursing associations that they should exercise 'some ordinary discretion' in selecting nurses for private cases. It is argued that the unfortunate young Englishman falling sick should be nursed by men instead of by young women who appertain more or less to their own class. The proposition is made by Lady Priestley that these interesting invalids, in cases where the sickness is not

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