

## Nursing Echoes.

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WE understand that the Queen is deeply affected by the latest mishap to our brave troops in the Khyber Pass on the Indian frontier, and that she is very anxious herself to visit the sick and wounded soldiers who have arrived at Netley Hospital. It is reported that the visit paid by Princess Henry of Battenberg to Netley, last week, was "for the purpose of conveying a message of love and sympathy from the Queen to her soldiers who had suffered in the service of their country." Miss Norman, the Lady Superintendent, was amongst those who attended Her Royal Highness during her visit to the wards, which extended just over an hour.

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PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, paid a private visit to Westminster Hospital on Saturday morning and inspected the wards, the out-patient department, and the new operating theatre.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has consented to visit Hampstead Hospital and Nursing Institution early in March, to open two beds endowed in memory of the Diamond Jubilee.

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PRINCESS BEATRICE paid a visit on Monday afternoon to the Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary and County Hospital, at Ryde, of which she is president. After inspecting the wards and nurses' apartments, Her Royal Highness drove to Ryde District Nursing Home and made a similar call.

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WE have to acknowledge, with thanks, a cheque for a guinea as an annual subscription from Mrs. G. F. McCorquodale to Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton.

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MR. CONRAD THIES, secretary of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, writes to the *Daily Mail* as follows in reference to Miss Snowden's case:—

"I am instructed by the board to state that the medical committee of this hospital, having made an exhaustive inquiry into this matter, are of opinion that the complaints of Mr. de Brent of improper treatment of the fracture are without foundation.

"They consider that the advisability of setting fractures sooner or later after the injury must be

determined by the individual case, and they do not agree that in this instance the fracture should have been set immediately on admission.

"The senior resident medical officer deemed it advisable to wait before applying any apparatus, and the medical committee have no reason to doubt the accuracy of his judgment. They consider that the treatment adopted was perfectly correct, and they dissent from the statement that the omission to put up the fracture immediately retarded the patient's progress towards recovery.

"There are some other points in Mr. de Brent's letter which I am desired to answer:—

"(1) He says that Miss Snowden 'was taken into the receiving room, which had stone benches, floor, and walls, and no fire.' In fact, there are no stone benches in the room, and, although there is no fire, the room is well warmed by four distinct sets of hot water coils, and one of these was within two yards of Miss Snowden.

"(2) 'She was kept on that stone bench for two hours.' The above reply shows that there was no stone bench. The delay which occurred was chiefly caused by Miss Snowden's hesitation as to adopting the house surgeon's advice to become an in-patient. When this was decided she was removed to the ward.

"(3) It is not the fact that Miss Snowden supposed she was to be taken to the ward to have the limb set, and then go home. She was told by the house surgeon in the casualty room, in answer to her question, that it would be necessary for her to stay at least a few days.

"(4) Miss Snowden made no objection to the washing in the ward, which was done with all due respect for her comfort and feelings. She remarked that she had not had a bath on that day or the day before. After the washing the limb was laid on a pillow, and supported by sandbags, and a cradle was placed over it in the usual way.

"No complaint whatever was made by Miss Snowden, and before leaving the ward her friends expressed their acknowledgments of the kindness she had received.

"It is remarkable that no complaint was made by any one until sixteen days after the patient had left the hospital, and then only in your columns."

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THE Superintendent of the Hampstead Nursing Association is appealing in the local press for articles of furniture, carpets, curtains, easy chairs, cushions, drawers, washstands, crockery, etc., to replace those which were given to the Hampstead Nursing Association fourteen years ago, and which now need renewing. We hope that the appeal will be widely responded to, and also that contributors will remember that it is really serviceable, and, if possible, new things which are required, not articles which would be suitable for a rubbish sale. Contributions may be sent to Miss E. North, Hampstead Nursing Association, 14, Lyndhurst Road, N.W.

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WE are glad that our remarks on the salaries of district nurses, in a recent issue, have elicited a

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