

Nursing Echoes.

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It is officially announced that the Queen's visit to the wounded soldiers at Netley Hospital, which was originally arranged for Tuesday, has been postponed until Friday in this week. The Queen will have a drive of some length from the landing-stage, and as her Majesty invariably drives in her own carriages, conveyances have been sent down from Windsor for her and for the members of the royal suite. We go to press too early to describe this auspicious event at any length this week.

WE owe thanks to Miss C. B. Walker, M.R.B.N.A., for kindly sending a donation of ten shillings for Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton.

THE latest recipient of the distinguished Order of the Royal Red Cross, Miss Susan Cator, is a native of Herefordshire, and at present has rooms at St. Ethelbert's Hospital, Hereford, an almshouse founded for "ten ancient and honest poor persons" in 1230. Miss Cator was trained at Guy's Hospital, and nursed Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., in the Crimean War, and it is through his influence that the deserts of his nurse have been brought to the notice of the Queen. Miss Cator, who is eighty-two, was unable to receive this distinguished honour at the hands of Her Majesty, and we have it from the *Daily Graphic* that the Order was therefore sent down by Sir Evelyn Wood to the master of St. Ethelbert's Hospital (the Dean of Hereford), and on Saturday last, at an influential meeting held in the cathedral library—over which the Dean presided, and in which the Mayor and Surgeon-General Perry (an old Crimean hero) took part—the Order was attached to the old lady's left breast by Mrs. J. W. Leigh (wife of the Dean), who had herself served as a nurse in a military hospital during the American Civil War.

MATTERS do not seem to be improving at the Camberwell Infirmary, and the guardians have called for the resignation of the Assistant Medical Officer and a nurse. The whole nursing department requires re-organization, all the troubles arising from lack of discipline. When do the guardians intend to appoint a trained Matron, and thus

relieve the young medical men from responsibility in the nursing and domestic department, which no sensible man desires to accept?

A CO-OPERATION of mental nurses has been established at 39, George Street, Manchester Square, W. We are disappointed to learn, upon inquiry, that no general training is required of the nurses, and that they are not obliged to hold the certificate of the Medico-psychological Association, though this is considered desirable. The members of the co-operation, who are both male and female, must have had three years' experience in an asylum, and possess a certificate to that effect. The fees charged are from £1 11s. 6d. to £2 2s., so that the effect of the Mental Nurses Co-operation will be to undersell those institutions which send out thoroughly trained nurses. We understand that the nurses pay to the co-operation a commission of four shillings in the pound.

WE deeply sympathize with the Superintendent Nurse at the Bristol Workhouse. The guardians, after half-an-hour's discussion, have heartlessly determined that she shall be deprived of her pet dog, and we do not envy the chairman, who was deputed to break the sad news to her. Life in a country workhouse is dreary enough, and, as a member of a "doggie" family, we can well imagine the comfort an intelligent, faithful, affectionate friend, such as a dog is apt to be, must have proved to a nurse surrounded by the flotsam and jetsam of humanity, especially as humanity very rarely possesses this trio of virtues.

WE well remember our relief of mind when visiting the Children's Hospital at Nottingham for the first time as a would-be probationer, at being met in the hall by a beautiful red and white Clumber spaniel, with a gay blue ribbon round his throat, whose feathery "wig-wag" (tail in doggie language) expressed a warm welcome, and made one feel at home at once. "Charlie" was a privileged person, adored by the whole household, and the able protector of young probationers in their "off duty" walks abroad, and it was indeed a proud privilege to give him his weekly tub, comb out his silky curls, and bedeck him with the "blue ribbon," which he wore with the innate modesty of the truly great.

WE have written more than once of the importance of business contracts, and we commend Miss Lowndes, the Secretary of the Northern Workhouse Nurses' Association, in refusing to encourage Nurse Kynaston to break her contract with that society by handing over her certificate and testimonials to the Huddersfield Board of Guardians. It appears that a month ago Nurse Kynaston, now in the

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