

**Nursing Echoes.**

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HER Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, on behalf of the Queen, visited the wounded soldiers from India at Netley Hospital on Wednesday last. Her Majesty hopes to be able to visit them personally before leaving Osborne.

THE Princess Louise, upon the occasion of her visit to Birkenhead, last week, graciously consented to receive purses from some fifty children, for the endowment fund of the Birkenhead District Nurses' Home. The Home itself was founded as a Diamond Jubilee Memorial. The children, one of whom presented the Princess with a bouquet, were mostly dressed in white. The sum subscribed in purses, the contents of which varied in amount from £5 to £20, amounted to about £300.

As we have reported upon previous occasions there are now three religious Guilds organized for Anglican nurses, which nurses find very helpful. We are glad, therefore, to observe that an Association for Roman Catholic nurses has been lately started, which has already received the approval of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

THE object of this Association is to give professional nurses the opportunity of rest, recreation, and spiritual help, and to draw them into closer union, for the purpose of mutual encouragement and assistance. The rules are simple, and are such as will help its members to sanctify their daily work, without adding such devout exercises as would make the Association a burden rather than a help. The spirit of the Association is expressed in the motto: "As long as you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it to me." It is now about six months since the Association was first started under the direction of the Visitation Sisters; and the success which had attended their first efforts induced the Cardinal to give it his formal sanction and approval. Any nurse desirous of joining the Association will be welcomed at the Visitation Convent, Harrow-on-the-Hill, at any time. Those desirous of a few days' rest or of making a retreat will be received at the Convent at a moderate charge. It is hoped that all Roman Catholic nurses will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered them. General meetings of the Association will be held every first Friday of

the month at four o'clock in the afternoon, and at other specified times.

A MEETING of the Catholic Nurses' Association was held lately at the Visitation Convent, at which the Rev. Father Cuthbert, O.S.F.C., gave a discourse, taking as his subject the problem of "Pain." This was the first formal meeting of the Association. Some seventeen members received the badge of the Association, and a number of candidates were admitted.

THE nurses at the London Hospital are happy in their chairman, Mr. Sydney Holland, whose efforts on behalf of their profession are so well known and appreciated by nurses far beyond the limits of the "London" and "Poplar." On Christmas Day the London nurses received a welcome token of their chairman's kindly interest for them, in the form of a copy of his "Lectures to the nurses of the London Hospital," prettily bound in dark green—the private nursing colours.

We learn from the *London Hospital Gazette* that this gift was much appreciated by the nurses, many of whom were unable to attend more than one of the lectures.

ANOTHER reform which has been introduced by Mr. Holland, and which will come into force after the 1st of February, is that all staff nurses will have a half day off duty once a week, in addition to the daily two hours, and every fourth Sunday. This is an improvement which is sure to be warmly appreciated. It is impossible for nurses to get far away from their Hospital in two hours off duty, or to free themselves from the remembrance of the details of the work to which they are so soon to return; but the weekly half day affords opportunities of endless possibilities. A run down into the country for those who long to feel the turf under their feet, instead of the monotonous boards of the wards, to breathe the sweet fresh country air, and to feast their eyes on primroses and blue-bells, "all a-growing and a-blowing," or, in its season, on the purple heather, which may still be found within an easy run of London. Then to those who are studiously or artistically inclined, the British Museum, the Guildhall Library, the National Gallery, and the South Kensington Museum hold many delights; while yet another possibility is to embark on a penny steamer for Battersea Park, the beauties of which are, even now, only dimly known; others, again, will prefer to "bike" to the many points of interest, formerly impossible to explore, but now brought within easy reach by the advent of the "machine."

THE Chairman's well-known "Charter of Liberty for Nurses" is also coming into force at the London.

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