

Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN is to visit Netley Hospital again when all the sick and wounded have returned from the Soudan. The hospital arrangements are now complete for their reception, and no doubt these poor fellows will find breezy Netley delightful, cool, and refreshing, after the hardships of the Soudan Campaign. Netley is beautifully situated in its own grounds with splendid views from its windows of Southampton Water and the New Forest.

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We congratulate the English Red Cross Society upon its work for the wounded on the Nile. Its "Mayflower" of mercy has been the means of saving the wounded much suffering by train transport from Assouan to Cairo, by conveying them by water in a well-appointed hospital ship.

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COLONEL YOUNG, of the Red Cross Council, has had charge of the society's contingent of workers during the recent operations on the Nile, and three trained nurses were sent out from England to tend the wounded on the *Mayflower*, which has passed between Assouan and Cairo until all the sick soldiers were carefully conveyed to the base, on their way home to Netley. Lord Wantley, who is the President of our Red Cross Society, deserves praise and thanks for insisting upon this good work being carried out, a detail, we regret to note, in the late lavishly praised Soudan campaign not included in the medical arrangements.

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THE first batch of soldiers, sick and wounded, from the Soudan, arrived at Netley Hospital on Monday. The disembarkation at Southampton of the sick, wounded, and other troops from the Soudan, is being carried out under the direction of Lieut.-Col. Stacpole, D.A.A.G. Before taking up his staff appointment, Lieut.-Col. Stacpole himself saw a considerable amount of service in Egypt.

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MISS R. SOMERVILLE will deliver her first lecture on "Business," at the Midwives' Institute, on October 18th, at 5.30 p.m., and the course will be continued on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee for the six lessons will be 2/6 to members of the Club, and 5s. to non-members.

SYLLABUS.

- 1.—The duties and powers of a Chairman. Resolutions and Amendments. How to call a Committee. The Agenda. How to take Minutes. Some things to remember when keeping accounts of Societies, etc.
- 2.—Registration of Births and Deaths. How to make a Will. Proving a Will. The duties and powers of an Executor—of a Trustee. Contracts and Partnerships. Solicitor's Charges. Promissory Notes. Receipts.
- 3.—Bank business. Money on deposit. Current accounts. Cheques and Passbooks.
- 4.—Investments. Stocks and Shares. "Preference and Debenture." "Consols."
- 5.—Some ways of saving money.
- 6.—How to transmit money abroad. How to send goods abroad. Writing business letters. Titles of Address.

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THE introductory address at the opening of the winter session of the London School of Medicine for Women was delivered on Tuesday evening at the Royal Free Hospital by Dr. J. Walter Carr, senior assistant physician to the hospital. There was a very large gathering, both of students and friends.

Dr. Carr spoke of the influence which had always been exerted upon medicine, and especially upon treatment, by fashion, habit and authority, of which he gave many curious illustrations.

The lecturer went on to refer to the extraordinary development of nursing during the last generation. Whilst this was a matter for much satisfaction, yet there was possibly a danger of its being carried too far in private work, and especially in the homes of the middle classes. Moreover, one great feature of woman's character and of woman's influence in the home would be lost were she wholly to abandon to outsiders the nursing of those near and dear to her, and especially of her own children in sickness. In conclusion, he referred to the present position of women doctors, inquiring whether they were a mere passing fashion, or whether they were destined to take a permanent place in medicine? The perils of prosperity were often more to be feared than the dangers of adversity, and if the movement became fashionable, and unsuitable women were led to enter the profession, a reaction might easily arise and jeopardise the cause. Hence an enormous responsibility rested upon each individual woman student and practitioner to fit herself for her life's work.

The prizes and certificates were afterwards distributed by Mrs. Burt. The Entrance Scholarship has been awarded to Miss M. M. Burgess, and the

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