

### Nursing Echoes.

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THE Princess of Wales has been graciously pleased to approve of the nurses employed by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association being called after her Royal Highness, "The Alexandra Nurses."

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 NUMEROUS and costly articles have already been received for sale at the bazaar to be held at Downshire House, Belgrave Square, during the first three days of December, in connection with the Countess de Casa Valencia's London Fund in Aid of the Spanish Sick and Wounded, and Widows' and Orphans' Fund. They include a solid gold jewel case from Queen Isabella of Spain, a blotter case, some fans painted by Her Royal Highness Princess Ludwig of Bavaria, and a music-stool, handsomely embroidered by Queen Nathalie of Servia.

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 THE stallholders will be: The Duchess of Wellington, the Duchess of Somerset, the Duchess de Bassano, the Marchioness of Ely, the Marchioness of Queensberry, the Marchioness of Bute, the Marquise de Casa de Sain, the Countess of Cottenham, the Countess of Romney, the Countess of Bective, and the Countess of Selkirk; the Dowager Countess of Denbigh, the Contessa de Casa Valencia, the Countess de la Warr, and Lady Selina Hervey.

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 WE hear, on good authority, that, when the new University College Hospital is completed, by mutual agreement between the All Saints' Community and the Committee of the institution, the Committee will found a training school for nurses of their own, under the direction of a trained superintendent, on the lines of our other great training schools. The All Saints' Community feels that, with the increased number of wards for which Sisters will have to be provided in the new building, it is not strong enough to undertake the additional work. We think that the nursing department of a hospital should be under the control of its Committee of Management, instead of being supplied by an outside body. At the same time, we do not wish to depreciate, in any way, the value of the work which has been performed by the Sisters. The nursing of University College Hospital was undertaken by them over thirty years ago, when the

nursing of the sick was notoriously bad, the advent of the Sisters was, therefore, an unmitigated good. Ever since that time the Community has done steady and good work, while the effect of the personal influence of the Sisters and the ideal of unselfish devotion to the sick, which they, both by precept and practice, place before their nurses, has had its value, and made its impress upon the nursing world. In these days, the patients are not invariably the first consideration; so that the effect of daily contact with those whose actions are inspired by an ideal of self-denial must necessarily have been beneficial to hundreds of nurses who have been privileged to associate in their daily work with the devoted Sisters of the All Saints Community.

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 ON Wednesday last Mr. Samuel Osborn commenced a course of Lectures to male nurses at St. John's Gate, which we feel sure will be most useful and popular. Mr. Osborn is an expert on First Aid, and his class book on the subject—now published in many languages—is being translated into modern Greek by Mr. Leveson-Gower, of the British Legation at Athens. This book should prove of very great use to the English Sisters in their pioneer work at the Military Hospital, and will no doubt be largely used by them in training the orderlies in their nursing duties.

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 WE have received a very intemperate letter from Dr. A. H. Robinson, Medical Superintendent of the Mile End Infirmary, which in his calmer moments, we feel sure he would not have admired in print. Dr. Robinson's letter accuses us of "libellous remarks about the nursing staff" of the institution which is fortunate enough to possess him as its medical officer.

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 DR. ROBINSON'S letter refers to a paragraph which appeared in the "Echoes" on the 12th inst., which remarked that "The Guardians of the Mile End Infirmary are concerned lest the Musical evenings to which the nurses are anxious to invite outsiders should degenerate into smoking concerts, and more than one member of the Board, at a recent meeting, held up as an awful example the manners and customs of the Camberwell nurses in this respect."

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 DR. ROBINSON says, "There is no truth whatever in the statement that nurses' social evenings are contemplated here, they never have been, and I hope they never will be."

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 WITH these sentiments we are in complete sympathy, and that the medical superintendent and the nurses of the Mile End Infirmary should consider it "libellous" to suggest that they desire to institute these very undesirable "social evenings" speaks well for the discipline of the institu-

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