

Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS LOUISE, on Saturday, opened a sale of work at the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Institute in Edinburgh, in the presence of a numerous company. The object of the sale was to provide funds for the extension of the Institute, and we hope it was successful. The Scottish Branch is doing its best to maintain a high

standard in District Nursing, and well deserves support.

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 WE are informed that nurse members of the National Pension Fund are not altogether "Uitlander," as half-a-dozen Matrons of large training schools are elected to sit on the Council, amongst three times that number of men, the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary, all being men. One correspondent says that at several of the nurse training schools thus "represented," the nurses are "compelled" to join the Pension Fund, whether they wish to do so or not, the hospital supplementing the sums thus deducted from their earnings by subscriptions out of public money given for the support of the hospital. At Guy's Hospital—of which the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Perry, has a seat on the Council of the Fund—for all nurses who, after three years' training, are appointed on the staff, "it is compulsory that they should take out a policy for not less than £7 10s. od. per annum, the hospital also taking out a policy for £11 5s. od. per annum, on their behalf, payable at 50 years of age."

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 Now this quite unjustifiable interference with the personal liberties of the trained and certificated nurses at Guy's Hospital should be widely known. We think all women of the world will deprecate the establishment at an institution so dependent upon public support as Guy's Hospital, of a system which treats grown-up women, and, moreover, the certificated members of a profession, as mere children.

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 WE ask Dr. Perry what his answer to the Committee would be if his own post were made dependent upon whether he would permit them to dictate how he should spend or invest one-third of the salary paid to him for his professional

services? We cannot doubt his resenting such action. Personally, we must consider such dictation impertinent upon the part of any Committee appointed to disburse monies subscribed by the public. And an indignity to which Dr. Perry would not, as a man, submit himself, he has no shadow of right to enforce upon the thoroughly trained nurses at Guy's Hospital. The nurses should have entire liberty as to how they will spend and invest the very moderate sum of £25 which the hospital pays them yearly for their skilled services.

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 THIS is the kind of "cossetting" which appears so extraordinary to our free-born trans-atlantic colleagues, one of whom remarked to us during the Congress week: "Oh! it is all very sweet and lovely, but why call these institutions 'Nursing Schools'—they have nothing of the collegiate system about them. I should call them 'Nurseries' right away. If you British nurses mean to come along, you'll never get there until you can use your own feet."

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 THE St. John's House Debating Society is a flourishing institution, and is keenly alive to the questions of professional and general interest which present themselves in these days. Some of the subjects to be discussed during the ensuing year are:—"Ought all Trained Nurses to be Midwives?" "Are Nurses worth their money value to the Public?" "Method," "Woman's Sphere," and many others. The discussion of these subjects, which directly concern them, by nurses, must be productive of beneficial results, and the papers read at these meetings are afterwards circulated amongst the members who are unable to be present.

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 A SOCIETY, named the West London Association of Certificated Nurses, was opened last month at 90, Hammersmith Road, West Kensington, under the Superintendence of Miss Ruth Wood, who for eight years was Superintendent of Queen's Jubilee Nurses at Glasgow. The object is to supply fully trained nurses to the public, and also to undertake daily visiting in cases where patients do not require the entire services of a nurse, and for the convenience of those living in the flats which abound in the neighbourhood, and who are unable to provide the accommodation required for a nurse. The fees in these cases are 2s. 6d. per visit, or 10s. 6d. per week.

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 WE note in an admirable paper by Mrs. Dora B. Montefiore, published by the "Union of Practical Suffragists," and entitled "Women Uitlanders": a plea for the legal registration, and professional status; of trained nurses. Mrs.

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