

Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has sent, through Lady Addington, a beautiful quilt to the Buckingham Nursing Home. The article is not only valuable, but it is also interesting from the fact that it was worked by her Majesty.

The following nurses joined the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses during November:—Miss K. Smythe (Cairo), Miss E. Rowntree, Mrs. Williams (Burma), Mrs. Taylor (Central India), Miss Bristow, Mrs. Halahan (Buenos Aires), Miss Richmond, Miss Cooper, Miss Butler (Brazil), Miss Gass (Fort Smith, Arkansas), Miss Katsch (India), Miss Borthwick, Miss Brockner, Mrs. Lakin, Miss Courteney Smith, Miss B. Jones, Miss Webster, Miss K. A. Scott, Miss Wheaton, Mrs. Shuter, Miss Roberts, Miss Cox-Davies, Mrs. Turnbull, Miss C. E. Bennett.

GENERAL SIR LLOYD MATTHEWS, Prime Minister to His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, recently paid a visit in state to the Hospital of the Universities' Mission, and presented the Matron, Miss Brewerton, with a gold watch and chain. The infant son of the Sultan has recently been a patient in the Hospital, and the gift made to Miss Brewerton was a mark of the appreciation of the Sultan, and a recognition of the efficient nursing care which his child received, and all those who know both the great professional skill and the personal devotion which characterises Miss Brewerton's work, will be glad that it should have received this public recognition. She was trained at King's College Hospital in the days when it was nursed by St. John's House, and remained on the staff of the latter institution either as a private nurse, or as a midwifery nurse at the Maternity Home, Battersea, until she offered herself in 1891 for work in Zanzibar, to the Committee of the Universities' Mission. In Zanzibar she has done most valuable work. Miss Brewerton is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

We are glad to hear that at the much talked of "nurses' dance" at the Lambeth Infirmary, only eighteen of the nurses and

probationers were present, out of a staff of upwards of seventy nurses. This sufficiently demonstrates the feelings of the nurses on the matter, and we opine that another year male officials desirous of having a ball will not urge as a reason that the nurses will "strike" if it does not take place. It is to be regretted that any of the nurses attended the function, but in all communities a section is to be found swayed by the apparent expediency of the moment.

THE fact that it was necessary to recruit the ranks of the dancers by bringing in "experienced dancers from outside" was discussed at the last meeting of the Guardians, one member regarding it as "deplorable." The Chairman said that the list of guests from outside would be subject to the consent of the Medical Superintendent and Matron of the Infirmary, and the Master and Matron of the Workhouse. Some unseemly joking was then indulged in, one member enquiring why the Guardians did not join in, in supervising the lists, and another remarking that "to make the dance all right, men should dance with men, and women with women, as Spurgeon once suggested." After some more bantering, the discussion closed, and we hope we have now heard the last of the "nurses' dance" at the Lambeth Infirmary. All who have any respect for the nursing profession, and the honour of the cloth, must, we feel sure, be convinced, if they needed to be convinced, that the Matron, Miss Griffiths, was well advised in the attitude she adopted.

It is only a few months ago that the members of the nursing profession were deeply shocked by an appeal being made for funds in support of the impecunious Royal British Nurses' Association, by means of a Cafe Chantant, at which the great and widely advertised "draw" was the dancing of a notorious music hall "star," and it is not too much to say that just indignation was not in the least allayed by the fact that many leading members of the Royal Family personally attended this most undignified "kick up," although, of course, the hon. officers and their *fidus achates*, Dr. Bezly Thorne, were justly blamed for bringing this indignity upon us.

This journal was, of course, the only publication the pluck to protest against the unseemly proceeding, and we are glad to observe that the strong terms in which we condemned the action of the R.B.N.A. have had good results.

In the current issue of the official organ of the Association, we notice that it is proposed to form a

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