

Nursing Echoes.

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HER Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg visited the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, last Friday and opened the new pavilion for women which has been built in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. During her brief stay in the city the Princess was the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch at

THE new Home of the Hoxton and Haggerston Nursing Institution, in Nichol Square, Hoxton, a branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, has been opened by Lady Florence Cecil. The accommodation required for the nurses in this busy neighbourhood has quite outgrown that provided by the old quarters, and the new Home has become a necessity. The total cost was £800, of which £200 was given by Mr. and Mrs. James Stuart.

WE have often drawn attention to the anomalous position of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses in having a male President. This is peculiarly inappropriate in a nursing society founded by the highest lady in the realm, on the suggestion of a woman, and out of the offerings made to her by women. At the opening of the New Central Home for District Nurses in Liverpool recently, Dr. Peile, the Master of St. Katherine's Hospital, London, who was present, alluded to his indebtedness to Mr. William Rathbone, and said he, personally, was especially grateful to Mr. Rathbone because, as President of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, he did not know how he could have gone on satisfactorily or at all with the work if he had not been able always to reckon upon the kind advice and counsel which he was quite sure to have from Mr. Rathbone. There were a great many difficulties they had to meet going along. He (Dr. Peile) was an absolute novice with regard to nursing work, and he was very glad indeed, and was still very thankful, to have such an able master to teach him what his duty was. With all deference to Dr. Peile—and we

admire his frankness—we would suggest that he places himself under the tuition of a mistress rather than a master, when he wishes to be taught his duty with regard to nursing. It would be more in accordance with the fitness of things.

TIME was, not so very long ago, when exception was taken to the "advanced views" of this paper on nursing education by those responsible for the management of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. We are, therefore, all the more pleased to learn that, during the period of Miss Bann's matronship, a decided advance has been made in the nursing department, and that, amongst other improvements, the three years' term of training in the wards of the hospital has been established. This term of practical work and clinical teaching is the only sure foundation for an efficient nursing education.

MISS BANN writes:—"Knowing how deep an interest you take in all matters connected with hospitals and nursing, you will quite understand why I write to you. After twenty-six years of hospital work, I have resigned my appointment as Matron. During the last year my health has been unsatisfactory, and a long rest is considered advisable. Miss E. Jones, my assistant and right hand for four years, succeeds me here. I know you will rejoice that this hospital has been added to the list of those adopting the three years' course of training in the wards; this I consider to be the most progressive step of all others. I can look back as far as 1874; you, I believe, can nearly do the same; the difference between the conditions under which probationers entered then, and now, is most marked; then, longer hours, harder work, crowded dormitories, no lectures, classes, or nursing literature, and, worst of all, to have to crowd into one year all the experience and knowledge necessary to qualify as a trained nurse. Still, in spite of all, one's early hospital days were bright, and knowledge acquired under difficulties is more precious sometimes than when more easily gained. I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the RECORD; it has been a great source of pleasure from the first number that was issued."

WE always regret to hear of one of our nursing pioneers leaving the ranks, and the loss of Miss Bann's services to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary will be keenly felt. Her nursing career has been a long and honourable one, and we first made her acquaintance in 1878, when we entered the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, for adult training. Miss Bann had preceded us in the wards, and then held an important official

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