

precious years, just as their brothers and sisters now enter the medical schools.

People may and do say that the tasks and sights which nurses have to witness are not fit for such young girls. Do, then, nurses see worse sights, and have to do more revolting (please pardon the word, I do not think anything done for a patient is so, but others do) things than medical students? I think not.

Some think, too, that at 23 a young woman is more sedate than at 18. I can only quote a remark made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, which I heartily endorse—"I have known staid women at 20 and extremely frivolous ones at 40."

### Sister Victoria at Osborne House.

THE fact that His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall and York was suffering from German measles, and could not attend the funeral of the Queen, must have added greatly to the anxiety of the Royal Family, but we learn on the best authority that Miss Georgina Hallam, Sister Victoria of St. Mary's Hospital, was summoned to Osborne House last week, so that the nursing of the Duke was very wisely placed in highly skilled hands. Sister Victoria is well known to the Royal Family. She was selected to nurse the late Duke of Clarence in his last sad illness, and she was also in attendance on the Duke of York some years ago, when he suffered from enteric fever, an illness from which he made a complete recovery, a happy result towards which, no doubt, devoted nursing played its part.

Sister Victoria entered the training school of St. Mary's Hospital in 1877, and has been a member of its nursing staff as nurse and Sister since that date—a splendid record of faithful work.

### Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses.

The annual meeting of the governing body of the above school was held last week, Mr. Ball presiding. The annual report showed that 51 candidates from the different co-operating hospitals were sent up for examination in general education. Dr. E. M'Dowel Cosgrave delivered 17 lectures on anatomy, physiology, and hygiene, and three demonstrations in invalid cookery were given at the National Training School, Kildare Street. There were 1,170 attendances at the lectures. The highest numbers of marks were gained by Miss Carrothers, of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, to whom a silver medal was awarded, Miss Hessian, of the Richmond Hospital gained the bronze medal.

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A BRANCH of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses (Scottish Branch) has been opened at North Ronaldshay, Orkney.

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COUNTESS HOWE, chairman of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital Committee, has made it known that the commanding officers of the Imperial Yeomanry hospitals at Pretoria, Deelfontein, and M'Kenzie's Farm will be very grateful to those who will post by each weekly mail the leading daily or weekly newspapers for the patients, to whom news from England comes as a real luxury, newspapers being very scarce in the hospitals. Papers should be addressed to the P.M.O., Imperial Yeomanry Hospitals, care of Mr. J. G. Hamilton, Capetown, and posted on each Friday evening.

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A YOUNG surgeon serving with the Imperial Yeomanry, and at present employed at the temporary hospital at Harrismith, writes as follows:—"The poor Tommies, especially the Scots, are so pathetic, so brave and cheerful in their sufferings, and one knows that it's all for the Army and the Queen that they bear up and refuse to give in. I can't describe or write my admiration of them. In fighting I've known them for what every one says they are. But in hospital, suffering in bed, tormented by pain, fever, heat, and especially flies, and worse, they're even more of an example to the world, could the world only see them as it sees them in the fighting line."

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*Truth* is still pointing out to the War Office the error of its ways in encouraging the sweating of male nurses by granting a monopoly of supplying these men to Netley Hospital, to the West London Nursing Association—which we believe is "run" as a commercial "spec," by a "Ley" man—the fact that these so-called "duly qualified" male nurses have to pay an entrance fee of £2 2s., and a commission of 7s. a week on their pay, is, of course, encouraged by the fact that the P.M.O. at Netley has stated in writing that "all nurses employed at Netley are supplied by the Association named."

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