

Nursing Echoes.

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The present week has once more seen the re-opening of the medical schools, and the settling down of nurses, after the summer holidays, to the full activities of the winter's work. Let us hope they have returned full of health and spirits.

A half-penny daily has been accrediting the Princess of Wales with quite Olympian powers. In notifying that Her Royal Highness has consented to support a bazaar to be held for the purpose of raising funds for the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C., of which she is patron, it adds that she has promised "to send gods for sale." Unless they are of gold we fear they will not be greatly sought after in these unspiritual times.

When Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, visited the Queen Victoria District Nursing Association House at Liverpool recently the Royal party received a cordial welcome from fifty-five nurses now in the institution. The president, Mr. Archibald Williamson, in a short address, descriptive of the work, informed her Royal Highness that Liverpool proudly claimed to be the pioneer in district nursing. Owing to the existence of that institution no poor patient in any part of the city need be without gratuitous skilled nursing.

Princess Louise responded to the greeting extended to her, saying: "I belong myself to the Scottish and also to the Kensington branch of this association, and so I feel quite at home among you. I watch with interest all your work, and I must say your report to-day shows that you have done more work than I anticipated. I hope you will continue in the same way."

Her Royal Highness took tea with the Lady Superintendent and Matrons of branch homes, and made a tour of the invaluable institution.

Miss F. I. Briggs, Miss A. E. Briggs, and Miss F. E. Sipman, who for many years have so ably carried on the management of the

London Association of Nurses, Ltd., at 123, New Bond Street, London, W., having recently been offered its entire control, have formed the Association into a company for the benefit of the nurses. The Articles of the newly formed company provide that after meeting all working expenses the profits shall be divided amongst the nurses on the staff. This is quite the right thing to do, and we congratulate the nurses that their Superintendents have shown themselves so alive to the interests of the staff, as well as on the loyal support which they themselves have given to their superior officers. We hope that the London Association of Nurses, Ltd., which has had such a successful career as a private venture will be increasingly successful as a company organised in the interests of the nurses.

The excellent rule "No Nurse or Probationer is at any time allowed to wear her print dress or apron out of doors" is in force at Guy's Hospital, and might well be adopted by other nursing schools. To re-enter the wards in dresses worn in the dusty streets is certainly not aseptic. Guy's can enforce this rule because the school has a very neat outdoor uniform, which includes a grey-stuff gown, we believe made to pattern in the institution.

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The members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses have proved their desire, as well as their capacity, to help their Alma Mater at this time, and have raised a sum of nearly £2,000, which is to be devoted to the fund for the sorely needed Nurses' Home, and the Governing Body has shown its appreciation of their work by electing the two hon. secretaries of the League, Mrs. Matthews and Miss F. Whitley, Governors of the Hospital. As there is now a separate fund for the purpose, we hope that donations will pour in, and that the Home

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