

## Nursing Echoes.

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On Saturday last the Queen and Empress Marie of Russia paid a visit to the London Hospital, and were accompanied by Lord Stanley, the Chairman the Hon. Sydney Holland, and the chief officials, round the Nurses' Home and Hospital. His Majesty the King, when Prince of Wales, was once overheard remarking in a hos-

pital ward, "Once the Princess gets into a hospital, there is no getting her out again." And, indeed, the wonderful personal interest evinced in every department visited by the two Queens at the London Hospital was remarkable. The visit lasted three hours, and the nurses in their beautiful Home, and the patients in their comfortable wards, received the most gratifying evidence of the pleasure of the President, Queen Alexandra.

Luncheon was served in the Board Room, and, by the Queen's request, she was waited upon by the nurses, and a Danish lady training at the Hospital accompanied the Royal visitors through the wards, and had the pleasure of conversing with them in her native language.

Before leaving the Hospital, both ladies signed the visitors' book, and were enthusiastically cheered by the crowd as they left the Hospital.

In compliance with a request from "Nursella," we have pleasure in raising the age of children who may compete for our prize competition for hospital children, from 12 to 14 years of age. We also wish to point out that though each child's essay must be sent in a separate envelope, many of these envelopes may be enclosed in one large one from the same institution, to save the postage.

Mr. Rowland Hunt, who has, for many years, been a subscriber to the Salop Infirmary, desires that an expert in sanitation and ventilation should make a thorough examination of the institution. He says that some of the nurses' rooms are very dark, the ventilation is deficient, and must cause injury to

health. This is probably one of the reasons why an unusual number of nurses leave, and why the staff of the hospital are more or less continually in poor health. The ventilation in the wards also appears to be very deficient. We feel sure that if such fundamental necessities as fresh air and light are deficient at the Salop Infirmary that a public appeal would bring in the funds requisite to provide them.

The Committee of the Acland Nursing Home, and the Sarah Acland Memorial District Nurses' Home, Oxford, have received, with the greatest regret, the intimation that Miss Acland, who, during 28 years, has served on the Committee, is not seeking re-election in 1907 owing to ill-health. The Committee state that they are unable adequately to express their sense of the loss they are incurring in being deprived of the services of so able, experienced, and generous a coadjutor. Miss Acland has consented to be nominated as a Vice-Patron.

Speaking at the Annual Meeting, Mr. H. D. Acland said that for all the years his sister had been connected with the Homes, the love and affection which she had entertained for her parents had been in a very great measure transferred to them.

In regard to the management of the Homes, especially the Nursing Home, he hoped they would treat it as a business concern, and run it at a profit. Unless the Nursing Home could be run to show a profit at the end of the year it must come to an end. The only way to make it permanent was to make it profitable, then they could be benevolent.

The Committee state that Miss Gertrude White, who was appointed Lady Superintendent in March of last year, has fully justified the excellent testimonials she brought, and they have every reason to congratulate themselves on her appointment.

The Ealing Education Committee have adopted a resolution calling on the Managers of provided schools, and the School Management Sub-Committees to consider the advisability of introducing into the higher standards of the girls' schools a methodical course of instruction in the nursing and feeding of young children. This is a practical suggestion which might usefully be carried out in all such schools.

One striking effect of the work of the Whitehaven District Nursing Association amongst children in elementary schools has been, says the Annual Report of this useful Society, to

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