

of the petition. That those who have attacked a body of working women for three years should make a pitiful whine about "personalities" when at last they are called to account is just exactly what might have been expected from such chivalrous and courageous persons.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to confer upon Mrs. Grimwood the distinction of the Royal Red Cross, in recognition of her devotion to the wounded, under most trying circumstances, during the attack upon the Residency at Manipur. This order was instituted by Royal Warrant in 1883, for the purpose of rewarding ladies for services in nursing the sick and wounded of the Army and Navy. The decoration consists of a crimson cross edged with gold, bearing the words, "Faith, Hope, and Charity," and is attached to a dark-blue ribbon, edged with red, tied in a bow, and worn on the left shoulder. Her Majesty is the head, and in the roll of recipients are the names of Miss Nightingale and several sisters who have tended wounded soldiers and sailors at home and abroad.

It is true that this brave English lady did most mercifully attend to the wounded in the Residency at Manipur; but her coolness and courage under fire and the material assistance which she rendered to the men who were fighting an unequal battle fitted her, if she was to be decorated at all, for the Victoria Cross. That no woman has ever been granted that greatly prized bit of gun-metal is no reason why a woman never should be granted it; and it will, we trust, be long before any English lady has the opportunity of acting with more conspicuous valour under fire than was displayed by Mrs. Grimwood.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has been devoting herself to good works, as usual—setting an excellent example, as she always does, to women of all classes by the unselfish and untiring manner in which, at the height of the season, and occupied, as she must be, by family affairs, she still finds time to perform numerous duties for the benefit of her fellow-creatures. I hear that the respect and love with which she is regarded by all classes will find expression in beautiful gifts, which are to be offered to her upon the celebration of her silver wedding, next month.

THE Ladies' Committee has selected a lovely pearl and diamond necklace. About £400 has been subscribed by the residents of Windsor and Eton, and the Fund Committee propose to present a diamond star to Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein as a marriage gift, and a piece

of silver plate to Prince and Princess Christian; and congratulatory addresses will also be presented to their Royal Highnesses and Princess Louise.

THE gift which the Royal British Nurses' Association are to be permitted to present has not yet been decided upon. But I hear that the members have availed themselves of this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Her Royal Highness for her staunch support and sympathy throughout its arduous yet successful career, and that the gift will be worthy of her acceptance.

THE Ladies' Committee for the Princess Mary Silver Wedding Presentation have selected a three-row pearl necklace. It will be on view at 130, Regent Street, to all contributors up to June 12.

THE diamond sun selected by the committee of the London Needlework Guild to be presented to Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary Adelaide on the occasion of her silver wedding will be on view at Messrs. Carrington's, 130, Regent Street, up to the 12th inst. The list of subscribers contains over 3,000 names.

COUNTESS CADOGAN, accompanied by her son, Viscount Chelsea, and between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen travelled from town to St. Leonard's-on-Sea, and, favoured by most brilliant weather, opened the Convalescent Home which has been erected there in connection with the Chelsea Hospital for Women. The handsome new building cost £3,500, and there is room for twenty beds. Lady Cadogan was presented with a golden key as a memento of the occasion.

THE DUKE OF CLEVELAND has sent £5,000 to the Lord Mayor for the Hospital Sunday Fund.

As nearly as can be ascertained, the Hospitals of the Metropolis receive annually 89,000 in-patients, while the visits paid by out-patients reach the total of 2,225,000. To deal with them there are attached to the various Institutions about 250 Consulting Physicians and Surgeons, 550 Physicians and Surgeons in regular visitation at the Wards, 150 resident medical officers, and 1,400 Nurses, including Matrons and Sisters. In view of this immense work, and the expense entailed, a special appeal has been made on behalf of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, for which the collections took place last Sunday. Last year they realised £41,814 16s. 9d., but it is hoped that even this magnificent sum will be exceeded in 1891. Since the fund was established eighteen

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