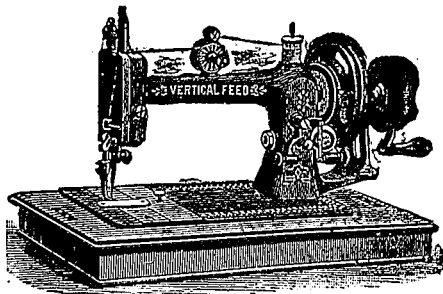


that her statesmen of to-day are so short-sighted as to wish to handicap her in the place which future generations will assign her, by their ill-considered concessions to aggressive sentimentalism."

### SPECIAL PRIZE COMPETITION.

WE have much pleasure in announcing that we are enabled to offer a Special Prize—viz., a Sewing Machine, as per illustration, which is furnished with a handsome walnut cover, of the value of FIVE GUINEAS, to the com-



petitor who makes and sends in the neatest and most effective NURSE'S CAP. *Rules.*—The cap, which should be accompanied with the full name and address of the competitor and a statement of the exact cost of the materials used in the making of it, with the coupon cut out of our advertisement column, securely packed in a box, must be addressed to "Nursing Record Special Prize Competition, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C." It must be delivered not later than Saturday, August 1, next. The manufacturers have kindly undertaken to teach the winner (free of any charge) how to work and use the machine. The machine is on view and can be seen any day from ten to twelve at the Vertical Feed Sewing Machine Company, 24, Aldersgate Street, E.C.

### NURSING ECHOES.

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IT is arranged that the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Eastbourne on June 20. They will drive to the sea front, and thence to the Convalescent Home at Meads, near Beachy Head. The Princess will formally open the Children's Hospital, and the Royal party will then proceed to Campton Place, where they will be the guests of the Marquis of Hartington until the Saturday or Monday following.



THE Prince and Princess of Wales will visit St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, at the end of July, to lay the foundation-stone of an extensive block of buildings about to be erected in Praed Street, to complete the Hospital in accordance with the original plan of the founders.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has intimated to Miss Meredith Brown her intention to become patroness of the new Shaftesbury Institute, Lisson Grove, which Her Royal Highness inaugurated last week.

It is now officially stated that the alterations which are being made in the drainage of St. Bartholomew's Hospital involve no material interference with clinical work, whilst the lectures and demonstrations in the medical school are entirely unaffected. One of the blocks is at present closed for improvements in regard to the drains and lavatories, and for new flooring in the Wards, and similar changes will be made in other blocks of the Hospital in succession. These are long needed reforms, and all connected with the Hospital will rejoice at these signs of progress.

*Truth* has dropped "Bart.'s" for the present and is now very busy exposing defects in the management of the Hospital for Accidents at Poplar, and devotes several columns to the interesting subject this week. A good deal of the unpleasantness seems to have arisen in consequence of the autocracy of the Matron (upheld as usual by a strong contingent of the weak-kneed members of the Committee) resulting in constant friction with the resident Medical Officer and Nurses. It is a significant fact that this lady was trained at St. Thomas's, and was resident for many years as "Sister" at the London Hospital. Despotism is contagious, and we are not at all surprised, therefore, to hear of the establishment of a "Nursing autocracy" at Poplar, and congratulate the authorities upon their prompt action, and for the sake of the Hospital are glad to hear from Mr. Holland that "we have now a new Medical Officer, a new Matron, and new Nurses," and second his desire to be let alone for six months "to work out our own salvation."

I AM very pleased to be able to state that a scheme for the training of Probationers at the Kensington Infirmary has been accepted by the Local Government Board, which provides that at the expiration of three years, each Probationer upon passing the prescribed examinations will receive a certificate of Nursing. They will be instructed in theoretical and practical Nursing by the Medical Staff and Matron. It has been

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