

rumoured that the presence of the Guards is causing an epidemic of *scarlet* fever among the young ladies from sixteen to fifty. Let us hope it is so, for Bermuda young ladies are very charming.

NURSING ECHOES.

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I HEAR on good authority that Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, last Friday, visited one of the Queen's servants, who is at present undergoing Dr. Koch's treatment in the Throat Hospital, Golden Square. Her Royal Highness then went on to the offices of the B.N.A., and took the chair at a meeting of the Executive Committee, at which she announced that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to command that the Association should in future be styled the Royal British Nurses' Association.



I AM informed that a course of six lectures on First Aid to the Injured will be given in the Committee Room of the offices of the National Health Society, on Thursday mornings during February and March, the first being on Feb. 12, at 11.30 a.m. A course of the same number of lectures on "Sick Nursing" commenced on Friday, the 30th ult., at 36, Queen's Gardens, Lancaster Gate, given by a trained lady Nurse, and fully illustrated by means of a patient, bedding, &c., so that the teaching is not only theoretical, but practical.

NURSING LECTURES evidently continue to hold their place in public opinion, for I see that Miss Charlotte Ellaby, M.D., is giving a course of lectures on Nursing and Hygiene at the Oxford High School, and that the course is attended by a considerable number of ladies.

A FRIEND of the London School of Medicine for Women, who wishes to remain anonymous, has given £100 towards the improvement of the Materia Medica Museum. £80 has been spent on pharmaceutical specimens, the remainder has been used in part payment for cases for the specimens.

ATTENTION has several times lately been drawn to the insufficient number of Trained Sick Nurses

and Sisters of Mercy in Norway, and the necessity of proper and sufficient training has been urged on more than one occasion. The Diaconisse Home in Christiania has now come forward, publicly offering to train young girls for Sick Nurses, a work which the Home has already been doing on a smaller scale for some years. Unless there are special circumstances, the pay is 30kr. per month for board and residence, but the pupils must themselves pay for their clothing. One year's stay at the Home is, as a rule, considered necessary, and they join the Sisters in all their work. They spend their first time at the Louisenberg Home, where they help in a pension for sick people; then they come to the Home's Hospital, where they receive theoretical and practical instruction in the Nursing of the sick in a three months' class, under the supervision of the Doctors and the upper Sisters. Afterwards they also receive some instruction in visiting among the poor.

WITH all due deference to these excellent ladies, I fancy most of my readers will think that Nurse training is rather more advanced in these islands than the above account would lead one to believe that it is at present in Scandinavia.

I AM very glad to be able to note a very satisfactory account of the good work which the District Nurses in connection with the Home for Trained Nurses, Rivers Street, Bath, are doing under the able superintendentship of Miss Ellen Lush. The Institution began work about four years ago, with one Nurse and one Midwife. Two more Nurses have lately been added, and it is hoped to shortly secure the services of another, so that there will eventually be four Nurses and a Midwife working in the district parishes of Bath. One thing I am particularly pleased to be able to record, and it is that the Nurses have met with the most cordial support of the medical men and clergymen of the neighbourhood. If there is one class of Nursing work more than another with which I am in sympathy, it is that of District Nursing. Its effects are undoubtedly far reaching, and do much besides the actual relief given, toward inculcating admirable precepts among those whom the Nurses are brought in contact with.

I AM glad to be able to state that in the examinations recently held at the Chelsea Infirmary, Gale Street, S.W., Nurse Ellen Crichton came out first, whilst Miss Josephine Wilkins, who ran the winner very closely indeed, was second; both of their papers being remarkably good, and the *viva voce* portion of their work was equally

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