

brooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Miss BEACHCROFT, Matron of the Lincoln County Hospital; Miss SCOTT, Matron of the Sussex County Hospital; Miss MACKEY, Sister in Charge of the Throat Hospital, Golden Square; Miss ROBERTSON, Matron of the St. Helena Home; Miss DE PLEDGE, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary; Miss TURNER; Miss MOLLETT, Sister in Charge at Gordon House Nursing Home; and Miss WOOD, Hon. Secretary. I hear that Miss WOOD read a short address, and Miss THOROLD presented the offering of the members to Her Royal Highness. All Nurses will unite in wishing Her Royal Highness all happiness on her Silver Wedding Day.

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I THINK it is not at all necessary for me to offer any remarks, or to pay any compliments to the Editor, and all those who have been engaged for many weeks past in the production of the Special Summer Double Number of the *Nursing Record*. It quite speaks for itself. It is the largest and most complete number yet offered to our readers. The coloured plate is well worth framing.

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THE following case is instructive:—"At the Thames Police-court, Mary Griffiths, 64, and Mary Waters, 48, Midwives, were again brought up on remand charged under a coroner's warrant with the manslaughter of Lucy Edmonds. Mr. Frayling represented the Treasury; and Mr. J. E. Waters appeared for Griffiths, and Mr. Deakin defended Waters. Inspector Pride appeared for the police. A mass of evidence, principally of a Medical character, has been taken during the many weeks the case has been before the Court, and the accused women now appeared to hear the magistrates' decision. Mr. Dickinson, in an exhaustive summing-up, reviewed the whole case. The prisoners, he observed, were charged with causing death by criminal misconduct, arising either from the grossest ignorance or the most criminal inattention. In the face of grave uncertainties, and assuming that the injury was caused as suggested, was there such a gross and culpable want of skill as to render the women causing the rupture criminally liable? He did not think so, and even Doctors could go no further than terming it a great want of skill. He therefore dismissed the charge against both the accused."

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If the British Nurses' Association's objects had been duly carried out, as they certainly will be some of these early days, such scandalous cases as the above could not take place, as it will

be utterly impossible for unqualified, ignorant women to practice the art, profession, or calling of Nursing.

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THE authorities at St. Bartholomew's are to be commended on the very practical manner in which they have met the difficulties in respect to the drainage, &c., of that Institution, by stating that they have decided to at once reconstruct the drainage upon the most modern principles. This example is one which might with great advantage be followed by the committees of other Institutions, which, instead of getting their houses in order, waste their time in grumbling at anyone venturing to criticise them.

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THE Children's Fresh Air Mission Report for 1890 has been forwarded to me. In 1882, two hundred and sixty-nine children were sent into the country and received untold mental and physical benefit. In 1890, two thousand six hundred and thirty-two were provided for in the same excellent way. This year Mr. Walter Hazell, the Hon. Treasurer, who can be found at St. Peter's Schools, Onslow Street, Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C., wants to send, if possible, double the number of children into the country; but very properly and practically says that he cannot do this without funds, and in the hope that the *Nursing Record* readers may duly appreciate his wishes, I venture to mention the subject here.

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THE London Young Women's Christian Association, 16 and 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., has just issued its annual report for the year 1890. It is pleasant and interesting reading, as it gives minute details of a great work which has been carried on with growing and remarkable prosperity since the year 1857. The Nurses' Union, under the care of Miss Dashwood, 37, Bryanstone Square, W., has been exceedingly successful. I strongly advise persons interested in such work, or in organisation, to forward sixpence to the Y.W.C.A. for a copy of the report, and note the great care and enormous work expended in the carrying on of this vast and important enterprise.

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MISS HELEN MONKHOUSE, whom it will be remembered was the winner of the twenty-third Prize Essay Competition, has selected for her prize, of the value of one guinea, "Plutarch's Lives of Illustrious Men," revised by A. H. Clough, which has been duly forwarded to this lady, together with the usual certificate. The subject set in the present issue is a very interesting one, and should command the attention of many Nurses.

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