

NURSING ECHOES.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has kindly undertaken to distribute the prizes gained at the recent Exhibition of Drawings, Handwork, and Needlework by the pupil teachers and scholars of the London Board Schools. The presentations will be made on the afternoon of Saturday, November 7, at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London.



THE German Empress having been invited by a charitable society to distribute the sum of £10,500, has decided that £5,000 shall go to the building of a Maternity Hospital, £5,000 to the building of an evangelical church in the East-end of Berlin, and £500 for an organ in the St. Sebastian Church in Berlin.

MISS MACDONALD, a Certificated Bartholomew's Nurse, has been appointed Matron to the Bootle Borough Hospital, near Liverpool.

MISS MACINTOSH, the Matron of the Children's Orthopædic Hospital at Dublin, has resigned, to be married, and has been succeeded by Miss Shelley.

I MUST draw the attention of my readers to the fact that the Matronship at the Boston Hospital is now vacant, owing to the lamentable death of Miss Katherine Heanley. It is a beautiful little Hospital, containing twenty-eight beds, and is nursed by Lady Pupils under the superintendence of the Matron. It is only fair, however, to mention that a local candidate, who is an applicant for the position, and who is a Certificated Sister of ten years' experience, will probably be a strong candidate.

THE Governors of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, have, after consultation with Sir Douglas Galton, decided to erect a new Male Ward, and to arrange the old block for administrative purposes. These alterations will involve an expenditure of £1,000.

THE many friends of Sister Aimée (Miss Blennerhassett), Sister Lucy (Miss Sleeman), and Sister Beryl (Miss Welby), will read with interest the following extract from a letter of Mr. Doyle Glan-

ville, F.R.G.S., written from Umtali on July 23, describing a walk from Mpand to Umtali, nearly two hundred miles, to join the new Bishop of Mashonaland (Dr. Knight Bruce), formerly a vicar at Liverpool and in the East End of London. Mr. Glanville says:—"On the following day we travelled for fifteen miles over a terrible bit of country of dried-up rushes and wide stretches of loose, coarse, dry sand, the most trying to the feet, and no water of any kind. Our bottles soon emptied, as the terrible sand-thirst increased in intensity; the poor Nurses were suffering agonies, but still would show no signs, but pushed on and on. The day was drawing to its close when we reached some wayside Portuguese huts adjacent to a large, sombre-looking marsh pool, surrounded by rank vegetation and tall trees; but oh, joyful sight! I inspected the pool of dark, unwholesome-smelling water, and, with heroic fortitude, the Nurses refrained from drinking it; but soon we boiled it up for tea. All rush for the very nasty compound; but, oh! what nectar it seemed! then how all revived under its cheering effects. After dinner, fires were lit, and we slept for the night. All that night in the bush, all round, we heard the movements and the howlings of great beasts—of lions, hyenas, buffaloes, leopards, and others, all coming down for water, for we traced their 'spoor' in the mud. At one moment we observed two lions drinking quietly some thirty yards away from us, but it was too risky to shoot, as it was so close."

THESE three courageous ladies went out to South Africa with Miss Mollett two years ago, and worked for some time in Johannesburg. The lovely Miss Kirkpatrick, another of the contingent, has lately married Judge Morris, of Pretoria, one of the most rising men in the Transvaal.

LAST week, the yearly statement issued by the Secretary of the Nightingale Fund Committee for 1890, was reviewed by the *Lancet*, which, with its usual sense of justice, concluded its notice with the following remarks:—"Whilst attention is directly called to the National Pension Fund for Nurses, no chance is afforded the Nurses of comparing the advantages offered them by this with those given by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the fact that such an Association exists seems to be carefully kept from their knowledge. It is hardly to be credited that the statement of the working and administration of a public fund should be thus used. Let both schemes be placed before the Nurses in the statement, or let other means be adopted of making the private opinion of those in authority at the school known to those under their influence."

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