

NURSING ECHOES.

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THE QUEEN, who has always shown herself full of



the enthusiasm of humanity, has expressed her gracious sympathy with the Guild of St. Cecilia. As regards the clinical experiments on the healing power of music, the effects, especially in cases of insomnia, have been eminently successful.

H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN returns to Cumberland Lodge. I hear, this week, she has already made numerous engagements to help a variety of good works. I am told that an influential committee are already busy considering the details of the *Conversazione* of the Royal British Nurses' Association, at which Her Royal Highness will be present.

WE shall soon have lost all those Sisters of the good old type in our hospitals—who, despite lack of training, in a theoretical sense, became invaluable servants of the sick—and, from their vast experience, often set such an excellent example to the restless Nurse of the present day, by remaining the faithful officials of an institution for many years. Thus St. Bartholomew's will be the poorer by the resignation of Sister Rahere, after twenty years' work; and Sister Gaynor will be missed at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, which has had the benefit of her services for twenty-five years.

MISS ELMA SMITH has been appointed Matron to the Woman's Hospital, Nottingham. Miss Smith gained a certificate, and worked at St. Bartholomew's for six years, from 1882 to 1888; has since acted as Assistant Matron at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, and at the Paddington Infirmary. She is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

AT the meeting of the Scottish branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, lately held in Edinburgh, Her Royal Highness

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Princess Louise, as president, handed over the official badges to sixteen Nurses who have been admitted to the Queen's roll. Miss Guthrie Wright, the hon. secretary of the branch has given £500 as a nucleus for a pension fund for the Queen's Nurses.

NURSES will soon, like soldiers, be able to appear with a bright array of badges—that is to say, if they choose to work in the various branches of their profession. Members of the R.B.N.A., a professional association, can now receive at the hands of Princess Christian a charming symbol. District Nurses affiliated to the Queen's Jubilee Institute receive a distinct badge, and the Princess Adelaide Nurses, in connection with the Workhouse Nursing Association, also are eligible for the reception of a badge from Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck, to say nothing of the Guild of St. Barnabas.

THERE are few women who have received so many decorations and led so useful a life of charity as Mrs. Ellen Belfield Whitbread, daughter of the late Colonel Farwell, of Totnes, Devon, whose death, says the *Daily Graphic*, is just announced from Würzburg, Bavaria. The deceased lady, who was born in 1813, spent much of her life in devoted nursing of the sick and wounded. In 1870-1 she joined the Bavarian army as Sister of Charity, and was present with the German army before Paris. Though then fifty-seven years of age, she went through great hardships, losing, in her first attempt to find the camp, all her clothes and money, and being for months unable to communicate with her friends, and faint to make shift with a hospital blanket. For her services in the field she received the following orders: The Olga, from the King of Würtemberg; the Iron Cross, from the German Emperor; a cross from King Louis of Bavaria, the Bavarian war medal, the Saxon war medal, and the French war medal from the Society for the Succour of the Wounded. Besides all these, Mrs. Whitbread had previously been presented with a gold cross by Queen Mary of Bavaria for her work of benevolence during the war between Prussia and Bavaria in 1866. So unostentatious and reticent was this lady in respect of the noble services she had performed, that her own son could with difficulty induce her to show him the medals she had received.

WHAT could be more sad than the following stories: Louise de Beaulieu was a lady who had independent means. When the war broke out twenty years ago she joined a regiment as a vivandière. She was in eight battles, picked up

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