

Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has graciously sent a donation of £25 in aid of the Pensioners' Fund of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, and the generous editors of *The Lancet* have subscribed £1,000 to this most excellent Charity.



I FEEL sure Nurses will rejoice to hear that the visit to the South of France has greatly benefitted the members of the ROYAL FAMILY. *The Lancet* states that the PRINCESS OF

WALES has in some degree recovered her spirits, and that Princess MAUD has now completely recovered her health.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN is enjoying her well-earned rest in Germany, and, devoted mother as she is, is quite happy in the re-union with her married daughter, Princess ARIBERT of Anhalt-Dessau, whose marriage is a thoroughly happy one.

IN consequence of the increased grant made by the Government for the English Section at the Chicago Exhibition, the amount allowed for the Women's Section will be considerably augmented. Princess CHRISTIAN, on her return from Germany, and the Committee over which HER ROYAL HIGHNESS presides, intend to set vigorously to work to make their section a success.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK writes to us: "Your announcement concerning the list of ladies' names of the Sub-Committee on Nursing in connection with the Chicago Exhibition is a little premature and incomplete. It is true that the ladies you mention have kindly consented to act, but it is our intention that the Committee shall be as complete as possible, and it is, therefore, hoped that each branch of Nursing will be represented by ladies who are actively engaged in superintending the different sections of the profession."

THE fifth Sessional Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association will take place at 20, Hanover Square on April 22, when a paper by Sister

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HENRIETTA, of the Kimberley Hospital, will be read, on Colonial Nursing.

UPON the resignation of Miss BARTON, at the Royal Free Hospital, I remarked that to complete the many improvements in the Nursing Department which she had inaugurated, it was essential that a Night Superintendent should be appointed. I am glad to hear that this necessary step has been taken, and that Miss MACKINTOSH, who has received training in the Royal Free Hospital, has been appointed the first Night Sister.

MISS G. WATSON has been appointed Night Sister at Charing Cross Hospital. This lady was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and is doubtless well qualified for her responsible position; but, in justice to its Probationers, the system of promoting Nurses trained in its own School to be the Sisters of its Wards should be adopted by the Committee at Charing Cross Hospital. There is no surer sign of efficiency, both in the Medical and Nursing Schools attached to our big Hospitals, than to have keen competition amongst its thoroughly qualified and distinguished pupils waiting for preferment. No School can flourish which is obliged to confess its poverty in trustworthy pupils by filling its superior posts by outsiders.

I HEAR that the Committee of the Nurses Co-operation are taking a leaf out of Miss CATHERINE WOOD's book, and will shortly open a residential club for Nurses in Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, which will be known as the Nurses' Hotel. To carry out this scheme successfully will require a large amount of funds, as Nurses are becoming more and more *exigeant*, or shall I say educated? If the place is to be carried on in a thoroughly comfortable and refined manner, it must be paid for; rent, rates, board, and *cleaning* being very expensive commodities in the centre of London; and if the payments are to be moderate Nurses must not grumble if the manner of living is simple.

I REMEMBER, fifteen years ago, going over one of our largest Midland Hospitals with the Matron, and being greatly interested by one of the Sister's sitting-rooms. It was the cleanest and most simply furnished apartment which I had ever entered—the floor was exquisitely scrubbed and carpetless, a few speckless deal chairs and tables being all the furniture it contained. The deep window-ledge, however, was crowded

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