

Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has promised, I hear, to lay the foundation-stone of Pelham House Home for Working Boys, at 30, Spital Square, on Wednesday, June 15.



AT the fifth sessional meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, held at 20, Hanover Square, on the 22nd inst., Miss CATHERINE WOOD read the paper written by Sister HENRIETTA, Matron of the Kimberley Hospital, on Colonial Nursing, and Dr. GAGE BROWN, C.M.G., was very appropriately in the chair. The great point to grasp in the paper was that no second-rate Nurses—the failures in the profession in England—need consider they are bestowing a benefit on the Cape Colony by transferring their talents to its vicinity. Cape Colony will say thank you for only the most efficient type of Nurse, and after suffering much have wisely protected themselves by enforced Registration. There was little discussion, as the majority of those present knew little of Colonial ways, having found Old England quite good enough for their requirements.

HER MAJESTY'S Government having, as already announced, increased to £60,000 the grant of £25,000 originally made for the purpose of the British Section of the Chicago Exhibition, Sir H. TRUEMAN WOOD writes that "the Royal Commission for the Exhibition are enabled to dispense with the revenue it was proposed to raise by charging the exhibitors in proportion to the extent of space occupied, and all space in the British Section will now be granted free of charge."

ENGLISH Nurses will have to be on their mettle, for the New York correspondent of *The Lancet* writes: "There is much interest in the movement to display an emergency Ward at the Columbian Fair, illustrating all the novelties connected with the system of modern Nursing. An organisation has been affected for that purpose among the Women Physicians and Trained Nurses of Chicago. The spirit of emulation is aroused by the statement that a leading feature of the exhibit to be made by the women of Great Britain would be a complete exposition of the methods of Nursing employed in England, and

which have attracted so much attention. It is suggested that the friendly rivalry thus created between foreign methods employed here would lead to important improvements in the service."

THE following letter appeared in *The Times* during the past week:—

SIRS,—The application which the Royal British Nurses' Association has recently made to the Lords of the Privy Council for a Charter of Incorporation has led to the publication of certain articles and letters which are calculated to convey the following inferences: that there exists a body which is empowered to represent the collective opinions of the Nurse-Training Institutions; that such a body is opposed to the petition and aims of the Association; that the Register of Trained Nurses which is maintained by the Association is calculated to mislead the public, and to be detrimental to the interests of the best class of Nurses. In view of the fact that the questions thus raised will shortly be argued by counsel and judicially decided, the Association has thought it becoming to abstain from offering any specific or detailed reply; but, at the same time, it desires to make known that it is in a position to meet all such statements and implications with positive denial and effectual refutation.—We are, Sirs, your obedient servants,

CATHERINE J. WOOD, } Hon. Secs.
W. BEZLY THORNE, M.D., }

NOTHING can be more dignified than the attitude assumed by the Royal British Nurses' Association during the whole period of persecution, and I hope that it will soon receive the reward it deserves, by obtaining its Royal Charter.

THE interest which the public feel in the Royal Charter for the R.B.N.A. seems to be steadily increasing. I find notices of it in many of the leading London and provincial papers. It is reported that all the petitions for and against the Charter were lodged at the Privy Council Office on the 20th inst., and it is rumoured that nearly seven thousand signatures have been attached to those in favour of the Association, from people of all ranks and conditions in the Kingdom, and especially from medical men and Nurses. The interest now will centre on the public inquiry to be held by the Privy Council.

In the *Manchester Courier* of this week I read the following: "The Royal British Nurses' Institution, which has now been some time in existence, will, it is expected, shortly apply to the Privy Council for a Royal Charter. This application will have the approval and support of many leading medical men, who of course recognise the importance of a thorough system of Registration, whereby the efficiency of all entrusted with nursing duties may be absolutely

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