

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has given sittings to Princess LOUISE for a bust, which is to be sent to the Chicago Exhibition, which will doubtless be an object of immense interest to our Republican cousins.



THE QUEEN has graciously contributed £50 to the Royal Maternity Charity, Finsbury Square, of which HER MAJESTY is a Patron.

I HEAR that Princess LOUISE, Duchess of Fife, is going to visit and name the cots in the Children's Hospital, Aberdeen, in the autumn.

In last week's *Queen* will be found the portraits of the Ladies' Committee on Women's Work in connection with the World's Fair, Columbian Exposition; also a sketch of the Woman's Building, which presents a most palatial appearance.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Hearing that Mrs. POTTER-PALMER, the President of the Board of Lady Managers, was staying for a few days in London, I made bold to call upon her and ask for an interview. This was at once granted, and it may interest your readers to know a few details about this energetic lady. Mrs. PALMER is a really beautiful woman, and is surprisingly *grande dame*. By birth, she is a Southerner of French extraction—the well-known family of Honoré—which may account for her *salon* manner, and her exquisite taste in dress; her style is Grecian, oval contour of face, pale ivory-tinted skin, and clear grey eyes. She received me with the utmost cordiality, and we were soon launched into conversation on that most interesting topic, Woman. The Chicago Exhibition will be essentially interesting to our sex, owing to the fact that their work will be thoroughly represented in a building specially erected for the purpose, and they will thus be able to show to the world how much it owes to their talent and industry. It is Mrs. PALMER's opinion that few of the continental countries will compete with England and America in Nursing exhibits. France will doubtless take precedence in domestic economy, cooking, laundry and dairy

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work in that country being far in advance of our methods. All the same, I am hoping that those English Nurses who are fortunate enough to see this magnificent Exhibition will learn much, as, whatever may be the opinion of our neighbours concerning our proficiency in Nursing matters, we at home are fully alive to our defects, and the urgent need of numberless improvements, both in appliances and methods, which only time and competition can make."

I HEAR that a grand concert is to be given about the end of June, for the benefit of the Maintenance Fund of the Nurses' Home of Rest, at Brighton, and should the prices be popular, it will doubtless be largely patronised by the friends of those Nurses who have visited the Home during the past year, and who have pronounced such enthusiastic opinions concerning its management.

MISS WILHELMINA G. MOLLETT has been appointed Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton. MISS MOLLETT was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, from 1882 to 1885, and has since held several important posts, having worked as Sister at the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, Superintendent of Nursing at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, and Matron to the Chelsea Infirmary. MISS MOLLETT was one of the first members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is a Registered Nurse, and has contributed several able papers on Nursing subjects to this and other journals.

IN giving evidence before the House of Commons Select Committee to consider the advisability or otherwise of the registration of midwives, Miss ROSALIND PAGET, Treasurer of the Midwives' Institute, said she hoped the word "Midwife" would be protected. She would not prevent women practising as midwives so long as they did not use the name. She went on to suggest that non-qualified women, if prevented calling themselves "midwives," might use the term "Nurse." I feel sure that thoroughly trained, Certificated Nurses, educated women who have given up three years to become qualified in this highly honourable calling, will resent such an impudent and ignorant proposal. No greater insult has ever been cast at the profession of Nursing, and no stronger argument has ever been used in favour of immediate registration of trained Nurses. To suggest that a class of totally untrained women—persons who

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