

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the dignity of a Peerage of the United Kingdom upon His Royal Highness Prince GEORGE OF WALES, K.G., by the name, style, and title of "Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney."



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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN took the chair at a meeting of the Ladies' Committee of the English Section of the Chicago Exhibition, held at 79, Harley Street, last Saturday.

The DUCHESS OF ABERCORN, the MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY, Lady ABERDEEN, Lady EGERTON OF TATTON, Baroness BURDETT - COUTTS, Lady KNUTSFORD, Lady JEUNE, Mrs. TYSSEN-AMHERST, Mrs. FAWCETT, Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK and others were present.

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THE Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, has received £500 from the London Needlework Guild for the endowment of a cot presented to Princess MAY OF TECK, and named by Her Serene Highness, the "Prince Eddy Cot."

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, as usual, is helping forward all sorts of good works. She has kindly consented to open a bazaar to-day, at St. Andrew's, Newington, which is said to be one of the poorest parishes in South London; and she has promised to lay the foundation-stone of the new British Home for Incurables at Streatham, on the afternoon of Saturday, July 16th, when invitations to a garden party will be issued by the President and Committee.

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My readers will remember the scandals which were exposed last year in connection with the Eastern Fever Hospital at Homerton. A movement has now been started, with very influential support, of which many who have the best interests of our Hospitals at heart will strongly approve; especially when they remember the scurrilous abuse showered upon those who were courageous enough to expose the scandals at the

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London Hospital, before the House of Lords' Committee. Mr. EDITOR has received a long letter, from which I may extract the following, and I am requested to add that one of the writers, Mr. H. W. JARRETT, of 83, Eleanor Road, Hackney, will gratefully receive and acknowledge any subscriptions to the fund which is being raised :—

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"Now that the inquiry into the maladministration of the Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton, has terminated, we think it only just that some acknowledgment should be made to Mr. SIMPKIN for his fearless and indefatigable efforts in securing and collecting evidence for H.M. Government Inspectors. It may be remembered that Mr. SIMPKIN was a patient in this Hospital in 1890, for a period of ten weeks, and there acquired an experience of the deplorable state of affairs then existing, details of which are too well known to need repetition. For eight months after his discharge Mr. SIMPKIN devoted his energies in obtaining evidence, calling public meetings, interviewing influential gentlemen, and obtaining the passing of resolutions of indignation by numerous public bodies, thus causing the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry on oath into the charges he had made, and at length Mr. SIMPKIN was held to be justified in the action he had taken. At the inquiry, counsel and solicitors were employed for the defence of the incriminated persons, at a cost to the ratepayers of about £900, but no such provision was made for the complainants, Mr. SIMPKIN being left to find his legal advisers as best he could. Mr. SIMPKIN is not overburdened with this world's goods, and, to prevent the whole financial burden falling upon him, we ask your practical sympathy. The loss of time and the mental and physical strain has been a very serious matter to him, as, in trying to provide for his family during the lengthy investigation, he unfortunately overtaxed his strength, and, at the close, was confined to his bed for several weeks. The inquiry has proved of great public service, and we feel sure that a substantial sum will be subscribed, sufficient to defray Mr. SIMPKIN's expenses, and to present him with a suitable testimonial."

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I AM glad to hear that Miss L. J. BUSBY, Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham, has been appointed Matron of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor. Many members vividly remember the kindness and courtesy

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