

Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN opened the new Children's Ward at the Windsor Royal Infirmary on the afternoon of the 3rd inst., and was most gracious and kind, as she always is, concerning Hospitals and their interests.



THE high professional standing taken by those ladies who pass through the thorough three years' training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has often been commented upon. Last week, we chronicled

Miss MOLLETT's appointment to the Matronship of the South Hants County Hospital.

THIS week, I am glad to report that Miss ELMA SMITH has been appointed Matron to the Central London Sick Asylum. Miss SMITH gained a certificate at St. Bartholomew's, and has since held the important posts of Sister at the York County Hospital; Home Sister (where she gained experience in Hospital housekeeping) at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street; in 1890, she became Assistant Matron at the Paddington Infirmary; and later, Matron to the Women's Hospital at Nottingham; so that, advancing by degrees, she has gained experience in every grade of her profession, and will, I feel sure, perform her responsible duties to the satisfaction of her present Committee. Miss ELMA SMITH is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse, and doubtless, now she is resident in London, will do much to help on the good cause.

MISS GEORGINA McVITIE, also a certificated St. Bartholomew's Nurse, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the new Ramsay Hospital, at Naini Tal, India. Miss McVITIE has been working on Lady ROBERTS's Nursing Staff for some years. She is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

I AM asked to state that a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Nursing in connection with the Chicago Exhibition, will take place at 53, Berners Street,

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every Monday, at 4.30 p.m., to meet Nurses who have special dressings or inventions to exhibit.

A REPRESENTATIVE of *The Queen* lately had an interview with Mrs. POTTER-PALMER, in which, amongst other remarks, she said:—

“Preparations are being made rapidly and satisfactorily; but I am not in a position to give much definite information at present, for this reason: In each of our States there is a ladies' committee—as there are ladies' committees in the countries of Europe—and each of those committees is empowered to arrange for its own exhibits. By and by the committees will send in reports to the Board of Lady Managers; but, until they have done so, it is impossible to tell what will be the most noteworthy features in the Women's Building.

“There is one novelty, however,' she continued, after a pause, 'that would probably interest Englishwomen, especially those who are occupied in the Medical and Nursing professions—that is, our New England Kitchen. The kitchen was established under the management of Mrs. ABEL. It is an institution for experimenting in cookery. For instance, it is important, from a hygienic point of view, to learn which is the best method of infusing tea or coffee; or, again, by what process bread can be leavened and baked in the most wholesome manner. The students at the kitchen set themselves in an earnest manner to solve problems of this kind.'

“The New England kitchen is a sort of culinary laboratory, then?' I suggested.

“Yes, that is just it,' she assented; 'and our students are well-fitted for the work, as they are all college graduates. One of the tasks they have undertaken is to make soup for Hospitals. The soups are most carefully prepared and tested, so that a patient who is ordered soup of a specified strength can obtain it exactly as the doctor wishes. These soups are purveyed in tins to a great many Hospitals.'

FROM *The Provincial Medical Journal* I cull the following concerning Registration of Midwives:—

“The Select Committee of the House of Commons are now sitting and hearing evidence on this subject. The Chairman of the Committee is, we believe, Mr. FELL PEASE, who is favourable to the Bill. We fear the Bill will pass unless the profession exerts itself in a more forcible manner than it has done. We do not know how witnesses are selected, but there ought to be a number of representatives now brought forward to give evidence in opposition to the Bill. The deputation that waited last year on Lord CRANBROOKE was a very representative one, and we hope that some of those who spoke on that occasion will give evidence before the Commission. Dr. RENTOUL was the first witness called, and his evidence was simply in accordance with all he has written on the subject. Judging by the questions put to him, it was evident he had to deal with a hostile Committee.”

This last remark is strong, but the attitude of the Committee towards the adverse witnesses was unmistakable, and complaints have been widely expressed. I am also told that Mr. RATHBONE, of Liverpool, who “heckled” Dr. RENTOUL, of that ilk, is an uncle of Miss ROSALIND PAGET, the Treasurer of the Midwives' Institute, the promoters of the Bill.

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