

Nursing Echoes.

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I HEAR that Princess CHRISTIAN, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess VICTORIA, will open a Rose Show to-morrow, which is to be held at the Mansion House, in aid of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, in the Waterloo Bridge Road. I hear that the PRINCE OF WALES has sent some exquisite roses from Sandringham for the LADY MAYORESS' stall.



THE papers are full this week of Hospital Sunday, and I earnestly hope that the powerful efforts of *The Lancet* will once more prove successful in raising the Fund to a higher figure even than it attained last year. *The Daily Telegraph* states that in nearly all the churches and chapels in London, large congregations were the rule. In addition to the collections inside, an innovation was made this year by placing young ladies with boxes at the doors to receive the subscriptions of passers-by. The LORD MAYOR, the Sheriffs, and many members of the Corporation attended the morning service in Westminster Abbey, and performed the same duty at St. Paul's in the afternoon. In the former place, the collections for the day amounted to £214 14s. 2d., and in the latter about £230. The Temple Church contributed £137 1s. 2d. An enormous congregation attended Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, for the Children's Flower and Toy Service in connection with Hospital Sunday. Hundreds of Mayfair children were present, bringing their gorgeous baskets of flowers, with dolls and boxes of toys cunningly concealed among the roses, for distribution among the metropolitan Children's Hospitals. The Rev. T. J. FILMER BENNETT, incumbent of Curzon Chapel, delivered a half-conversational, half-catechetical address while walking up and down the middle aisle, and afterwards received the floral and other offerings at the altar. The musical portion of the service was rendered by the Children's Orchestra, a white-frosted band of some thirty young ladies of tender years, under the direction of Mr. PERCY ARMITAGE. These clever children occupied the choir stalls, with a few youthful choristers, no

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profane male adult voice being suffered to take part. The flowers and toys were subsequently conveyed to the Children's Hospitals, and numbers of the little ones assisted in the distribution.

THE Annual Report of the Mansfield Woodhouse District Hospital tells its usual tale of good work well done. It has the following paragraph, which well deserves to be republished, and all who know Miss PELL SMITH will feel how justly the commendation is given:—

"You will regret that Miss PELL SMITH, the Matron, has resigned. No words of praise can sufficiently reward Miss SMITH for the zeal and heartiness with which she entered into her work, and which she has not only sustained in herself during the seven years of her appointment, but which she has imparted to others. The Monthly Board feel sure she will carry with her your best wishes for her continued usefulness in her future sphere of labour."

By the way, I am told that Miss PELL SMITH's leaving Mansfield Woodhouse was made the occasion for giving her many presents as tokens of affection and esteem, amongst them being a seal-skin purse, with money in to purchase books, a card-case, handsome Russian leather bag, and a case of brushes beautifully fitted, with an inscription: "To our dear Sister ELINA, with fond united love from the family." The family consisted of the servants, District Nurses, and many past and present Probationers, patients and servants.

THE Ladies' Committee and other friends gave £12 5s. 9d., to Miss PELL SMITH to purchase something as a token of their regard, &c., and a cheque for £10 was also given (by one member of the Hospital Committee), for Miss PELL SMITH to get some token in remembrance of the warm interest she has taken in the Girls' Club at Mansfield. Other gifts were a crucifix, a copy of hymns set to music (Moody and Sankey's), a shawl, Gore's Bampton Lectures for 1892, Macdonald's Diary of an Old Soul, set of note-books in leather case, pin-cushion, porridge cup, and flower-pot and vases.

ONE of the best known Nursing Institutions in the Provinces is that at Stoke-on-Trent; just as its manager, Miss MARY SHIRLEY, is one of the most respected and popular of Lady Superintendents. Last year—the twentieth of its existence—shows a record of work far exceeding

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