

diately on the appearance of this letter in print, numerous letters from ladies in all parts of Ireland were inserted in the principal Irish journals, suggesting that the money collected, instead of being returned to the donors, should be applied to endowing Wards to various Hospitals in memory of the late DUKE OF CLARENCE, or to any other philanthropic purpose that the Committee might think desirable.

THE lamented death of the DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE has called forth profound expression of regret in Liverpool, where he paid a visit in 1889, and opened the new Royal Infirmary. A feeling has been expressed that some permanent memorial should be established in the city, and a proposal that seems likely to be acceptable emanates from Mr. W. M. BANKS, that it should take the form of a permanent endowment of the "Clarence" Ward in the Royal Infirmary. Another proposal is that the memorial fund should be devoted to the re-building of the Northern Hospital, the fabric of which is now antiquated, and urgently needs to be replaced by a building constructed on modern principles

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has become a contributor

to the funds of the Home Teaching Society for the Blind, at 31, New Bridge Street, E.C.

MR. ROBERT HUNTER, solicitor to the Post Office, sends the following excellent letter to the *Pull Mall Gazette*; and, as we consider the question of Hospital Nurses' holidays of the utmost importance, we have much pleasure in reprinting it:—

"Sir,—Will you allow me to point out another striking example of Mr. BURDETT's method of defending Hospital obscurantism (as you justly call it), taken from the New Year's number of Mr. BURDETT's paper? In the course of a leading article, the writer, after alleging that the London Hospital is the only voluntary Hospital which has been the object of criticism, declares that these criticisms have been the work of a small clique, that they have been completely met, and that their repetition should be put down. 'The authorities and the Governors should assert themselves, and put a stop to what is becoming a dangerous nuisance.'

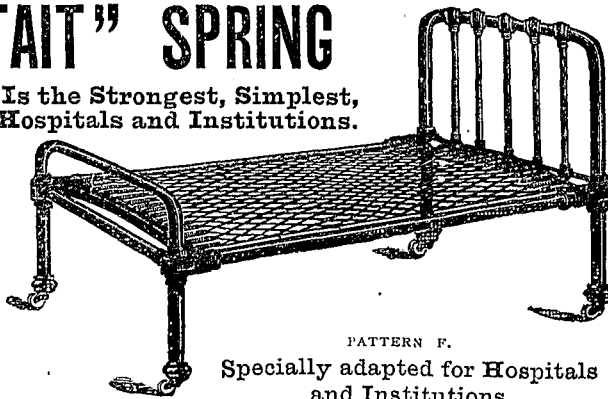
"Now, at the last court of the Hospital, one of the reforms urged up on the consideration of the House Committee by Governors, whom, I have no doubt, Mr. BURDETT includes in his 'clique,' was the extension of the holidays of the Staff Nurses and Probationers from a fortnight to three weeks. The House Committee did not condescend to answer the arguments advanced, and gave no indication that there was any prospect that such an extension would be granted. They had, indeed, a year ago stated that they had the subject under consideration; but there was no hint at the recent meeting that this long incubation was likely to bring forth

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