

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the title of Royal on the Hospital for Sick Children at Glasgow. The honour is well deserved, as it is one of the most beautiful Hospitals in Scotland, and every care and attention is bestowed on the little suffering inmates.

THE PRINCESS OF GREECE wore on her marriage day, under her diamond crown, and at the bosom of her dress, some myrtles she cut in Greece with her father, and, although these were about a fortnight old, she had contrived to keep them fresh. She is passionately fond of Greece. After the ceremony she gave a spray to the Grand Duchess Constantine, her grandmother, to keep as a souvenir of the day.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS CHRISTIAN is president of the Berkshire Bee Keepers' Association, and this month contributes an article to the monthly paper issued by the Society, in which she says:—"I am glad to hear that interest in bee keeping is decidedly increasing throughout the country, and that with the cottager class a more humane method of taking the honey is superseding the old rough-and-ready system. There is a question which I do not think has yet been sufficiently answered, as to how far bee-keeping, except perhaps on a large scale, has been found to pay, and yet no doubt the hope that it will be a source of income is a great inducement to keep bees. Apart, however, from the profit and loss view of the subject, associations of this kind do good in many indirect ways. A beekeeper to be successful must study the habits of the bees, and the interest of the subject will well repay him for the time and attention he gives to it. Again, any scheme which brings persons of different classes together, who would not perhaps otherwise meet, must have a beneficial effect. These county associations promote good fellowship, stimulate a healthy rivalry, and encourage interchange of ideas. They break down these accidental barriers between class and class which so often prevent one section of society from coming in contact with another, to their mutual advantage. I have often remarked that sociability seems a special characteristic of beekeepers; they have interests in common; there is a bond of sympathy between them. The experience and the scientific knowledge of the professional are placed at the disposal of the beginner, who knows that he can always get help and advice; and in his turn he is prepared in after years to assist others in the same way. All such intercourse is most desirable, and is in every way to be encouraged. I am told that a

London Guild has in contemplation the founding of an Agricultural College, and it has been suggested that something might be done in connection with such a scheme to forward the 'honey industry.' It would give a great impetus to bee-keeping throughout the country were so important a society as the Mercers' Company to lend its powerful aid to the development of this subject. The question of a market for pure honey must occupy the attention of the various associations. When so much adulterated honey is yearly imported into the country, it must be the aim of the county associations to help forward and foster in every way the sale of honey whose purity is guaranteed. The consumer ought to know that when he buys honey he is really getting what he pays for." The article contributed by Her Royal Highness concludes with some practical suggestions on assisting the cottager, more especially in bad honey seasons like these last two have been.

GEORGIANA COUNTESS OF SEAFIELD sends the following letter to the daily press: "No real Christians would withhold their meed of praise to the memory of Father Damien for his heroic self-devotion amongst the poor lepers. But one is struck with the total oblivion displayed as to other Christian heroes in the same Gospel field. Many heroic Moravians have for more than seventy years past voluntarily lived and died amongst the lepers, in order to preach to them the Gospel of our blessed Saviour. No historic pen has of late described or published accounts of their patient devotion, their martyrdom for the cause of Christ, their self-abnegation for His sake, and the pure, simple, undefiled Gospel which they have preached in His blessed name, till death crowned their labours with the glory of immortality. As this Christ-like work is still being carried on by them in Jerusalem with much success, these facts should not be forgotten."

LADY DUFFERIN distributed the prizes last week to the students of the London School of Medicine for Women, and remarked that ladies scarcely knew the amount of good which lay ready to their hands in India, where female Doctors were most urgently needed.

THE annual meeting of Owen's College, Manchester, was held on the 21st ult. The total number of registered students in the women's department during the year has been sixty-eight. The falling off in the number is attributed to the suspension of Professor Ward's lectures in English literature and modern history. Seventeen students have been preparing for the degree examination of the Victoria University, six of them in honour

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