

## WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

H.I.M. the Empress Frederick of Germany has contributed £300 towards the funds of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, in Golden Square.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has written an article in last week's *Queen*, on "The Technical Education of Women;" and as everything which comes from her facile pen is full of sound common sense, and well worth reading, we purpose to republish it next week for the benefit of Nurses, who owe Her Royal Highness a deep debt of gratitude for the genuine interest she takes in all which concerns their welfare.

THE Duchess of Westminster, on the 29th ult., distributed at the Westminster Town Hall the certificates awarded after the examinations held under the auspices of the National Health Society. Sir Spencer Wells presided, supported, amongst others, by Mr. S. Pope, Q.C., Mrs. E. Garrett Anderson, M.D., Dr. Thorne Thorne, Mr. Ernest Hart, the Rev. Canon Barker, and the secretary, Miss Lankester. The Chairman, as a member of the Medical profession, bore testimony to the value of the work which the society is carrying on with such energy, declaring that the inculcation of the primary laws of health amongst the masses, and especially among the women of England, could not but have a beneficial effect upon the future of the nation. With regard to the ladies who would receive certificates, there were some names which would interest those present very much, and some of those ladies had taken as many as three certificates. Among these he might mention the name of Miss Kate Terry Lewis, who had passed each examination with especial distinction. The certificates having been presented by the Duchess of Westminster, speeches enforcing the claims of the society were delivered by Mr. Pope, Q.C., Dr. Thorne, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Canon Barker, and others. Resolutions recording the usefulness of the Society, and commending it to increased public support, were passed. We sincerely wish the society all future success, and no doubt it will obtain it, under the management of its most capable secretary, the well-known Miss Fay Lankester.

AN interesting and important meeting was held last week at the house of M. Léon Richer, 4, Rue des Deux Jars, Paris, for the inauguration of an International Federation of women actively employed in various movements for the intellectual, social, and political advancement of their sex. It was agreed that Paris should be the centre of

the Federation, and M. Léon Richer was unanimously appointed president. Each country is to have one representative at home and another at the Paris centre. Ladies present agreed to act as representatives of France, America, England, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, and Poland, and it is expected that other countries will join, who will severally keep the others informed through their representative of all that is being done for the advancement of the women of the country that they represent.

MRS. JACOB BRIGHT, Mrs. Eva Maclaren, Lady Sandhurst, Mrs. Ashton Dilke, Dr. Julia Mitchell, and Mrs. Stopes are the ladies who will represent England at the French Government Congress for Women. France will send Mme. Jules Siegfried, as delegate from French Protestant Societies, Mme. de Pressensé from French Protestant Societies, Mme. La Marquise de Verneuil, delegate from French Catholic Societies, Mme. Bishoffsheim and Mme. Coralie Cohen, delegates of Jewish Charities. Mlle. Fries goes as the Swedish delegate; and Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, delegate of the International Women's Council, Washington, Mrs. Pearsall Smith and Mrs. Nicolls, delegates of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, will represent America.

## REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Nurse Bessie.*—Describe the difference thus:—*Disinfectants* are agents which destroy the specific poison of communicable diseases, such as fevers. *Deodorisers* or deodorants are remedies which destroy disagreeable smells. *Antiseptics* are drugs which arrest putrefaction; they act by preventing the development or destroying the organisms on which decomposition depends.

*Private Home.*—The best place for the bed is opposite the fire-place, and not between the door and fire; the bed should be placed sideways to the window, so that the patient is not obliged to face the light. (2) Dark green calico blinds are the best for the purpose. (3) Try Sheppard's, Whitechapel Road (opposite London Hospital); he provides a new article which answers the purpose admirably.

*Sister.*—Tickets can be obtained from the Secretary, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, W.

*Mrs. Green.*—Get Mrs. Hewer's book, "Antiseptics."

*Mother.*—Paying Probationers are admitted at many London Hospitals—Guy's, St. Bartholomew's, King's College, &c.

*Miss Drummond.*—Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea.

*Private Nurse.*—Use Condy's Fluid for the purpose; it is safe.

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