

which it undertook to carry out was really a work of great usefulness, and almost one of necessity.

Financially, it will be observed that the Home still requires considerably increased assistance. The payments, which Nurses can afford to make, has been, and probably will always be, insufficient to cover the entire expenses. There is, moreover, a debt of £3,000, which during the next year will commence to bear interest, as it was generously lent by Mrs. LIONEL LUCAS for two years without any return. The Committee must therefore very earnestly appeal for further donations and annual subscriptions to make up the necessary deficiency.

The Committee cannot close this report without expressing its thanks to Mrs. MACINTYRE, the Matron of the Home, for the excellent manner in which she has superintended the domestic management and provided for the comfort and happiness of the Nurses under her care; and to Mr. REGINALD JOWERS, F.R.C.S., for the kindness and attention which he has bestowed upon various Nurses who have been ill when staying at the Home.

HELENA.

January 9, 1893. On behalf of the Committee.

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ON Monday, the 2nd, PRINCESS CHRISTIAN paid a visit to the Chelsea Infirmary, Cale Street. She was received by Miss DE PLEDGE, the Matron, and was conducted over every ward in the Infirmary, the arrangements of which were highly commended by Her Royal Highness. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN won all hearts by her unaffected genuine kindness. She spent a long time in the children's ward, where one small mite walked round with her, hand in hand, carrying the PRINCESS' gloves pressed tightly to her breast, with a full sense of the importance of her mission. Before leaving the Infirmary, Her Royal Highness had tea with Miss DE PLEDGE and expressed herself greatly pleased with her visit.

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I MAY remind my readers that the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association will be held to-morrow, Friday, at 5 p.m., at 20, Hanover Square, when I understand that Her Royal Highness the President will take the chair, and that she leaves the same evening for the Continent for a fortnight. It is reported that "our Princess" will hold the Drawing Rooms, this season, on behalf of Her Majesty.

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CONSIDERABLE interest is felt in the paper which Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK is announced to read on Friday week, the 20th inst., at 8 p.m., at 20,

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Hanover Square, on "Nursing at the World's Fair." I hear that it is expected that Mrs. FENWICK will show some of the beautiful things which she has collected for exhibition at Chicago, and so it may be taken for granted that there will be a big audience to hear what will doubtless be a most valuable and interesting paper.

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AN amusing report is current in Nursing circles that there has been yet another of the many changes which have taken place in the editorial staff of our comic contemporary, the *Hospital*. I cannot burden my memory by remembering all the changes which have taken place in the conduct of the Nursing portion of the paper, but it was reported lately that Uncle PUMBLEHOOK proposed to undertake the polishing of the *Nursing Mirror* himself, in future, and some profane persons actually prophesied that, in consequence, there would be a good deal, more than usual, seen of Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT. The delight of these prophets, and the general amusement, can therefore be imagined when, in the last issue of the *Mirror*, a prominent place in "News from the Nursing World" is given to an announcement that Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT's photograph can be obtained for half a crown, at a certain establishment. It will be quite a novelty to find news from the Nursing world in our contemporary, because it has earned the reputation amongst Nurses of being very much behind the times in this particular, and they have, according to their own showing, to read our columns to learn what is going on in their profession at home and abroad.

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It is typical of the *Hospital's* ideas of what is happening "in the Nursing world" that under this heading are included paragraphs referring at length to the Editor's photograph and to the London Male Voice Club.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I observe in this week's *Hospital* that a reader of that journal asks Mr. BURDETT's advice how to get something "at somebody else's expense," and that he has innocently inserted the query, instead of charging half a crown for a reply, as appears to be the custom. Could his correspondent have been satirical, or did she really think Mr. BURDETT an authority upon such a subject?" To which I would reply—without charging my correspondent anything, as such petty meanness is not permitted at our office—that I cannot imagine any reader of the *Hospital* rising to satire, and that whoever asked the question doubtless had some excellent reasons for believing

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