

*PRINCESS AND PHYSICIAN.*

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An interesting woman is, our Vienna correspondent says, just now in that city. She is an Armenian Princess named Beglarion, only

twenty-six years old, and a doctor of medicine. Her father is wealthy, and to be able better to practise the science she has acquired in Tiflis, Switzerland, and Salzburg, she is going to build a hospital on his estate—small to begin with, but with hopes of making it a big concern in time. In Vienna she has been received with open arms by the circle which is still in excitement after the attack by Prof. Albrecht upon woman's right to study, and it is probable that she will deliver a lecture on the question of woman's rights in Armenia. The story of how she was moved to devote her youth to the study of medicine is touching. When a little girl she was often present when the peasant women on her father's estate brought their sick children to her mother, asking her to advise and help. She often said to herself, "If mother had learned what the doctor knows, she could help them instead of sending them home crying." Then on a box some one gave her was the picture of a wounded soldier, whose grateful eyes rested on the nurse bandaging his wound. This picture moved the child's fancy to such a degree that she promised herself solemnly over and over again that she would be a nurse when she grew up, and she hoped a war would break out about that time. It was not difficult to obtain permission to attend the girls' grammar school at Tiflis, and afterwards her mother rewarded her for studying hard by going to Berne with her.

When Mlle. Beglarion returned home from Berne for her holidays in 1892 as a young medical student, the Russian doctors allowed her to work in the cholera hospitals, where she did excellent service with a number of other women doctors, who have been praised by the Russian Home Department. When she came home with her doctor's diploma in her pocket, the sick from far and near flocked to her father's house to consult her. On Sundays she always had some seventy patients, and thirty on week days. Three months ago she went to Salzburg to act as assistant in Mme. Rosa Kerschbaumer's eye hospital. In Vienna, our correspondent says, she is buying all the necessary instruments and furniture for her hospital. She attends to all her poor patients gratis, but the rich ones, who have hitherto rewarded her work with presents, will be in future allowed to pay, and this will in time give her a fund for enlarging and endowing her hospital. The princess doctor is short and black-eyed and black-haired, and is graceful and quick in her movements.—[London Daily News