

declared the bazaar open, and sales commenced briskly. The DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER inaugurated the proceedings on the second day.

IN the Rubens Gallery of Grosvenor House the DUKE OF WESTMINSTER presided over the annual meeting—mainly composed of ladies—of the National Health Society, which was established to diffuse sanitary knowledge among all classes, to organise lectures "at home" on domestic hygiene, to explain Nursing and first aid to the injured at mothers' meetings and working men's clubs, to recommend methods for the prevention of the spread of infectious disease, and generally to aid public and private economy, and raise the standard of the national health. Six medals—awarded to Miss PARRY, Miss AMY SHEPHERD, Miss R. KING, Miss SANDELL, Miss ALICE RENDELL, Miss IRENE PETRIE, and Miss ROBERTSON—were presented by the DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER, as well as three hundred and fifty certificates.

MR. EDITOR desires me to say here, in reply to the very large number of inquiries which he has received upon the subject, that he has been informed, through the courtesy of Sir CHARLES LENNOX PEEL, the Clerk of the Privy Council, that the inquiry into the application of the Royal British Nurses' Association for a Royal Charter will be conducted publicly, and will be held in the Council Chamber of the Privy Council Offices, Whitehall, on a date which will shortly be determined upon. A verbatim account of the proceedings will be published in *The Nursing Record*—if necessary, in a special number—and will be reprinted in pamphlet form according to the suggestions and desire expressed by several subscribers to Hospitals, who are anxious to know why the Institutions they support are opposing a measure advocated by so many eminent medical men for the protection of the public. Arrangements are being made, as requested, for the public sale of this pamphlet in Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Worcester, Gloucester, Glasgow, and Edinburgh; and similar requests from any other towns shall be immediately attended to.

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