

The Banqueting Hall was utilised for refreshments—Miss Isla Stewart and numerous Sisters and Nurses from St. Bartholomew's Hospital making most efficient waitresses. The tea, cream, cakes, and service were excellent, and, indeed, Miss Stewart entered into the spirit of the restaurant with the utmost zest and enjoyment.

On Friday, Sir William Priestley conducted the President to the dais, and delivered an excellent address—the same office being ably filled by Sir Dyce Duckworth on Saturday—who called attention to the great personal devotion of the President to the welfare of the Association, and of the work accomplished by the pioneer Nurses who had effected such great reforms in Nursing matters.

The President made a daily tour of the hall, and made purchases at each stall, both for the Queen and herself—one beautiful dolly, dressed by Sister Collins of St. Helena Home, being thus secured for Her Majesty. Her Royal Highness was also greatly interested in the *Nursing Record* Emergency Cases, and after suggesting one or two practical additions to the contents, purchased two of the useful boxes, which contain dressings and appliances necessary for illness and accident in the country, and which should find a niche in every woman's store room.

All the stall-holders worked with immense enthusiasm, and are to be congratulated upon the energy of their assistants. We noticed Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isla Stewart (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Thorold (of Middlesex), Mrs. Coster (of St. George's), Miss Medill (St. Mary's), Miss Mollett, Miss Beachcroft, Miss Maud Smith, Miss Rogers, Miss Bull, Miss Butler, Miss Ridley, Miss East, Miss Ross, Mrs. Elphick, Miss Cartwright, Miss Busby, Miss C. Bourne, Miss Court, Miss F. Hole, Miss Anderson, Miss Hughes, Miss de Pledge, Miss Graham, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Wesley, and Miss Robertson, and Head Sister Sidney Browne. Mrs. Spencer and her able helpers in the office worked indefatigably throughout, and much of the success of the Bazaar was owing to their untiring energy.

The Tents of Mystery were a source of great amusement—Miss Helen Murphy, Esmeralda, and Zuleika doing excellent business all day long. Indeed, we could not resist an overpowering curiosity to know our future fate, and are glad to learn upon such excellent authorities that "success will ultimately crown all our efforts."

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

The Annual Conversazione of the Royal British Nurses' Association took place at the Grafton Galleries, on the evening of the 7th inst., and was eminently successful, upwards of 1,000 members and their friends being present. Her Royal Highness the President was received by Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee, and after graciously receiving a bouquet from Miss Thorold, presented 70 Badges to new members, who had come up from all parts of the country to take part in the ceremony. Many interesting people were present, and the refreshments were excellent—Benoist, of Piccadilly, the caterer, seeming to know by instinct just what would be most appreciated. Indeed, savouries, sweets, fruits, and drinks were all of the very best. The Association has now entered its eighth year; may we hope that it will be a year of growth, and that its members may, one and all, work diligently to further the great objects for which it exists.

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THE Duchess of ALBANY recently opened a new Home in connection with the Kingston Nursing Association, erected in Birkenhead Avenue at a cost of between £800 and £900.

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A MEETING of the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society took place at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, at 5 p.m., on the 11th inst., when a very satisfactory report was presented by the Hon. Secretary. New members were elected, owing to the constantly increasing demand for Nurses from the Society.

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TICKETS may now be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, for the Dramatic Entertainment which is to take place at the Queen's Gate Hall, South Kensington, in aid of the Nurses' Home of Rest, on the 24th and 25th of January. Price 2s. 6d. to Nurses.

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WE are glad to hear that the Local Government Board have decided, at the request of Miss PATRISON the Matron, to hold an investigation into the recent proceedings at the Union Infirmary at Lewisham. This is eminently satisfactory, as we believe it is the first occasion upon which a Matron has made such an appeal to the Board, and we do not doubt that every facility will be accorded to the Matron to state her case. We are informed that the majority of the Nursing Staff presented a letter to the late meeting of the Board of Guardians, strongly disapproving of the suspension of the Matron, and the resulting disorganization in the Nursing department. We hope they will give their evidence before the Local Government Board officials in the same straightforward and conscientious manner.

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THE opening of the New Nurses' Home in connection with the Cumberland Infirmary at Carlisle was quite an event, and inaugurates an important new departure in the history of the Hospital. The building has cost £3,000, and we hope the deficiency of £700 will soon be subscribed. The Nurses' Home has, however, a double purpose to serve. It will facilitate the work of Nursing inside the Hospital, but by degrees it

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