

The Queen's Nurses at Windsor.

THE "Queen's Nurses" had a charming day at Windsor on July 2nd. With beautiful weather in a Royal Palace, with a Royal hostess, there was not much left to be desired, and the Nurses appreciated every incident of the day.

The platform at Paddington Station presented a very pretty sight as the 396 Nurses, who were, happily for themselves, able to be present, mustered on the platform awaiting the departure of the special train to Windsor. Very few uniforms were represented beyond the very professional and artistic one of the Institute, whose dark blue showed up extremely well *en masse*. All the Nurses wore aprons, and the heat of the day led to a universal discarding of cloaks. The East London trained Nurses in their lilac gowns, and the Westminster in their pink, with a few others, lent a little variety to the otherwise scrupulous uniformity.

On arrival at Windsor the Nurses marched four abreast, in quite military style, to the Castle, where luncheon was served in a large marquee. In the afternoon the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel were thrown open to the Nurses, this being probably the first time that these apartments have been open to visitors whilst the Court was in residence. Some of the Nurses recalled the pleasant day that was spent at Windsor when the annual meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association was held there.

After inspecting the Castle the Nurses wandered about the gardens, which are now looking their very best, had tea in the marquee on the lawn, and anticipated the "review" which the Queen was to take of "her Nurses" later on.

Shortly after five o'clock Her Majesty and Princess Christian drove from the Victoria Tower in an open carriage drawn by a pair of grey horses, and preceded by an outrider, to the tennis ground, whither they were followed by Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and Prince Alexander and Princess Victoria Eugénie, the elder children of Princess Beatrice, in deep mourning. Upon the north side of the lawn a hollow square had been formed by the Nurses, 396 in number. Miss Peter, inspector-general of the "Queen's Nurses," had charge of the 280 English, Miss Wade the 69 Scotch, Miss Dunn the 20 Irish, and Miss Leake the 27 Welsh Nurses.

When the Queen's carriage passed, the Nurses curtseyed twice simultaneously, and received a very pleasant salutation in return.

Miss Guthrie Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Scottish Nurses, had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty by Her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne).

The following then had the honour of being presented to the Queen by the President, the Rev. A. M. Peile:—Miss Peter and Miss Sara Peter, Inspectors; Miss Dunn, Superintendent of the work in Ireland; Miss Wade, Superintendent of the Training Home in Edinburgh; Miss Leake, Superintendent of the Welsh Branch, and Miss Oldham, Superintendent of the Rural District Branch.

Her Majesty, addressing the Nurses, said: "I am very pleased to see my Nurses here to-day, to hear of the good work they are doing, and which I am sure they will continue to do."

The Nurses sang a verse of "God save the Queen, and then, at Her Majesty's special request, filed in pairs past the Royal carriage. The Queen drove from the lawn at the close of the ceremonial and resumed her drive, in which she was accompanied by Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Princess Christian, who had previously alighted from the royal carriage, remained with the members of the Council.

The Queen, before taking her departure, expressed to the Master of St. Katherine's the sense of pleasure which the appearance of "her Nurses" had given to her.

Many of the Nurses came from very distant parts of Great Britain to be present, some coming from as far north as Lerwick and Wick, and from Torquay and Marazion in the south. Scotland was particularly well represented.

After the review the Nurses left by special train for London, where they were most hospitably entertained at Grosvenor House by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster. Madame Albani sang, and the band of the Royal Artillery played, while the Nurses inspected the beauties and the pictures of Grosvenor House. Altogether the day was a Jubilee one in the eyes of the Nurses.

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MADAM,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to thank, in the name of the Council of The Queen's Institute, the Committees of the Associations affiliated to the Institute (nearly 300) for the ready permission and generous assistance which was given to enable the Queen's Nurses who are employed by them to assemble at Windsor Castle last Thursday. It was a day which will not be forgotten by those who were present, and we are greatly indebted to the various Local Committees in all parts of the United Kingdom for enabling the Council to present before the Queen nearly 400 Nurses who are on the Roll of the Institute.

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