

became more extended, and the need for increased support proportionately greater.

THE President, in moving a vote of thanks to the Princess, pointed out that the mere fact that a nurse was styled a "Queen's nurse," was a guarantee of a thorough training, and he had no hesitation in saying that whenever a nurse was well trained she would always come to the front of her profession, and would be able to cope with all kinds of illness that might come before her. He believed the "Queen's nurses" were upholding the honour of the profession, and were proving to the world that when they went out to work they brought real knowledge to bear upon that work.

SIR DYCE DUCKWORTH seconded the vote of thanks and inevitably touched a discordant note. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, and at the close of the meeting the nurses and visitors were entertained by the Duke and Duchess of Westminster to a garden party in the beautiful gardens of Grosvenor House, where tea, strawberries and cream were served to the delightful music of a string band.

This latter part of the programme was most thoroughly appreciated by the nurses, and although never before has a distribution of badges been accompanied by similar festivities, it was hoped by everyone that it might become a regular institution. The thanks of all present were conveyed by the President to the Duke and Duchess of Westminster for their kindness.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS H. L. MACKRIDGE has been selected, out of 50 applicants, and appointed Matron of the Ingham Infirmary and South Shields and Westoe Dispensary, South Shields. Miss Mackridge was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and now holds the position of Sister to that institution.

MISS EVELYN HILTON has been appointed Matron of the Sussex, Brighton and Hove Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton. Miss Hilton was trained at the Newark Hospital, Notts, and at Charing Cross Hospital, and has lately held the appointment of Assistant Matron at the Birmingham and Midlands Eye Hospital, Birmingham.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS MAUD CARTER has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Wolverhampton Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Carter received her training at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary.

Nursing Echoes.

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As we were privileged to take part in the two sittings of the Committee of Arrangements for the Congress of the International Council of Women, to take place in London in 1899, we were able to plead for a Nursing Section in the Professional Division, and we feel sure that all those who are anxious for an opportunity to meet and exchange views and experience with the International Nursing delegates will rejoice that time is to be given for an International Nursing Conference. This is a great privilege, and much must be made of it.

THE second annual meeting of the Colonia Nursing Association has lately been held at the Imperial Institute. The President, Lord Loch G.C.M.G., took the chair. The second Annual Report of the Committee of Management was read, and the account of the work compares favourably with that of last year. The following places are now supplied with nurses from the Association: Agra, Bangkok, Cyprus, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Lagos, Mauritius, Selangor, and Trinidad. At present there are only funds, and in most of the Colonies only accommodation, for quite a few, and in most cases even only *one* nurse, but these are an immense boon to the inhabitants. Only those whose lives are for the most part spent in these colonies can realise the misery resulting from the absence of any trained person's aid in time of sickness. It may be added here that many young men, often mere lads, are struck down in tropical places by typhoid and malarial fever; and in Mauritius, Cyprus, the Malay States, &c., invaluable aid in such cases is rendered by nurses sent out by the Colonial Association. In Mauritius, prior to the establishment of two nurses, there were constant deaths of young Englishmen on sugar estates, and such deaths were directly attributable to the utter lack of any nursing, save that afforded by native servants. There is a large garrison, but no military nurse in the colony, and two officers of the 60th Rifles were nursed devotedly by one of the nurses of this Association through typhoid fever, and owe their recovery to their care. The previous year, a midy on the Flagship, a boy of 15, was taken ill with typhoid fever, and *no nurse* being available, the Association not having commenced work, he was taken up into camp by kind permission of the Colonel, and nursed by orderlies

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