

Nursing Echoes.

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The Prince of Wales, as Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, on Wednesday presented, at Marlborough House, silver and bronze medals and certificates of honour awarded by the Chapter-General in recognition of great gallantry in saving life on land at imminent personal risk.

Amongst the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who were awarded the Service Medal for conspicuous services to the Order, was Second Nursing Officer Ann Dixon Moore, Secretary, Nursing Division, Oldham Corps.

The Council of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, which was founded by the late Lady Bloomfield in 1875, have resolved to found an annuity, to be named "The Lady Bloomfield Annuity." Dr. Ogier Ward, the Hon. Secretary, will be glad to receive donations at 73, Cheapside.

The medical and surgical staff of the London Hospital have presented Miss Eva C. E. Lückes, the Matron, with a silver tea and coffee service with a suitable inscription on the tray. The gift was sent "in recognition of the completion of the twenty-fifth year of her matronship, and as a memento of the staff's appreciation of the great work performed by Miss Lückes in creating the nursing-school of the London Hospital, and in raising the standard of its nursing to its present high state of efficiency."

We are glad to learn that the Camberwell Board of Guardians have upheld the Infirmary Visiting Committee in their decision that application for early morning passes to attend religious services must always be made to the Matron. How is a Matron to arrange for the nursing of the sick if she does not know when the staff are on or off duty?

Most interesting meetings of District Nurses' Associations have been held of late in Hammer-smith, Kensington, and Hackney, and at one and all proofs were forthcoming as to the national value of the work of the district nurse.

At the meeting of the Kensington District Nursing Association, held in the Vicarage gardens, the

Mayor of Kensington said that by virtue of his position he should like to express the thanks of the poor and suffering to the nurses for their devotion and for the alleviation of their sufferings which they had experienced at their hands. The last fifty years had perhaps been the most remarkable in the history of the world as regarded the benefits that had been bestowed upon mankind in various social conditions of life. Nothing had been more remarkable than the attention paid to the nursing of the poor of their great city. They largely owed that to the nurses, first and foremost being Miss Florence Nightingale, who in a letter to the late Duke of Westminster in 1896, wrote:—"We look upon the work of a District Nurse if she is what she ought to be, and if she receives the training she ought to have, as one of the greatest civilising influences of the poor. She not only nurses, but trains the people from ill-health into good health, from drink into self-control, and all without preaching, all without patronising, but simply as friends in sympathy, and let us see that she keeps her standard high." He (the Mayor) ventured to think that the nurses of Kensington had kept their standard high, and they owed them an immense debt of gratitude. The municipal authority looked upon the nurses as co-workers with them in the field of public health, for they all knew that without their assistance the work of medical men would be pretty nearly in vain.

Princess Christian visited Fulham to open the new Nurses' Home erected by the Board of Guardians in connection with the infirmary last week. In the address presented to her Royal Highness by the chairman it was pointed out that the population of Fulham numbered 150,000, and the beds in the Poor Law Infirmary 500, figures indicative of the work undertaken by the nurses for whose rest and recreation the Home was intended. The Home is situated in the Fulham Palace Road, almost opposite the workhouse and the infirmary; and is a very pretty building in the style of the best Georgian period, but equipped with a completeness and a regard for the laws of hygiene, to which the nurses, or anybody else in Georgian days, were strangers. It houses all the nurses under one roof, and reflects the greatest credit on the taste of the Guardians and their architect, Mr. A. S. Snell. The Princess inspected the building, and after a service in the little conservatory of the tiny garden, declared the Home open, and before returning to Kensington, drove in her motor-car through the grounds of the workhouse, where a double row of delighted old ladies and gentlemen raised quivering cheers in her honour.

In an address lately given by Miss Amy Hughes before the Huddersfield and District Victoria Sick Poor Nurses' Association, she stated that probably some action would shortly be taken by the Board of

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