

The Conversazione.

Miss Barton, Hon. Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, requests us to remind those desirous of taking part in the Nursing Exhibition, that it has been decided to defer it to the autumn. Arrangements are now being made to hold a Conversazione of nurses and their friends in London in June, at which the Societies affiliated to the Provisional Committee have all consented to take part. This gathering should be one of the most interesting meetings of nurses which has ever been held, and it is to be hoped that all the Presidents of Leagues will grace the scene and act as hostesses.

The Passing Bell.

It is with deep regret that we learn from a cable received at the War Office of the death of Sister Lucie Todd, Q.A.I.M.N.S., late Acting Matron of the military hospital at Middelburg, Cape Colony. Miss Todd was trained at Addenbrooke's, Cambridge, and went on to Charing Cross Hospital for a year. She also obtained a midwifery certificate (L.O.S.), and completed her training in a fever hospital. She joined the Army Nursing Service (as it was then called) in March, 1899, and after the six months probation at Netley was sent to Woolwich, but was almost immediately recalled to join one of the earliest batches of nurses sent out to South Africa at the commencement of the war.

For over two years she worked with untiring energy and devotion in the various military hospitals—at Mooi River, Elandsfontein, and Pretoria. When the war was over and the pressure of work somewhat lessened, she was appointed to fill the post of Acting Matron at Mooi River, subsequently holding the same position at Pietermaritzburg, and finally at Middelburg, Cape Colony, where she died on April 29th of rapid consumption.

During the whole time of her service in South Africa she gave herself unreservedly to the work before her, endearing herself to the hearts of her patients by her unselfish devotion and cheery manner. Not only was she an excellent nurse, who could be relied on to carry through successfully whatever she undertook, but among her fellow-nurses and those under her she was greatly beloved and her loss will long be felt, both in Africa and at home.

She was one of those women who, quietly and with little or no recognition, do the work allotted to them truly and whole-heartedly, bringing the force of character to bear upon all the details of life.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has consented to become patron of the Second International Congress on School Hygiene to be held in London from August 5th to 10th, 1907.

The Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, presided recently at the annual meeting of the West London Hospital Ladies' Association, when she said she was very glad to be President for another year and would do everything she could to help the Hospital.

Princess Christian last week opened a Bazaar at Doncaster in aid of the local Infirmary. Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the hospital and consented to become a patron of the institution. The bazaar was a very great success owing to the Royal visit and the energetic work of the lady stall-holders.

The Report of Guy's Hospital for 1905, which was formally approved and ordered to be issued at the recent General Court of Governors, shows a year's work of great magnitude, 8,626 persons having been accommodated in the wards and 137,792 persons treated as out-patients. The appeal for funds issued in March, 1905, resulted in £57,000 being received or promised up to the end of the year, leaving a balance of £43,000 still urgently required to clear the hospital from debt on capital account, and a deficiency of £15,000 per annum in ordinary income to be made good year by year. It, moreover, appeared that although no building improvements or extensions were now in progress, the provision of new out-patient departments, of separate wards for children, and the rebuilding of old Clinical House were matters which it was highly desirable should be taken in hand when funds became available for the purpose.

The Drapers' Company have sent a cheque for £10,000 to the Fund for the Removal of King's College Hospital. In reply to a public appeal for £300,000 in order to effect the removal to a site near Camberwell, the company generously promised £5,000 conditionally on the rest of the sum being raised by the end of 1904; subsequently this was increased by another £5,000, and the time limit extended to the end of 1905. Although a very considerable portion yet remains to be raised, the company, recognising the progress which is being made, have generously paid their promised contribution.

The Princess Royal, who was accompanied by the Duke of Fife, visited the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, on Saturday for the purpose of laying the first stone of a new block in which will eventually be placed the administrative offices of the

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