

The Annual Meeting in connection with St. Lawrence's Catholic Home for Nurses was recently held at 34, Rutland Square, Dublin, Archbishop Walsh presiding. The Countess of Aberdeen was present, and there was a large attendance. The annual report stated that during the last five years the St. Lawrence's nurses have attended over 8,000 cases in Dublin, and in the same period the Committee have trained upwards of 50 nurses for work in the country districts in Ireland. The Committee expressed their satisfaction with the management of the Home by the Lady Superintendent, Miss Horan (whose resignation they deeply regret), and with the training of the nurses in it, which has earned the praise of the Inspectors of the Central Jubilee Institute, who have found that the Home is in a high state of efficiency. The Committee hope to co-operate with Lady Aberdeen's efforts to cope with the scourge of tuberculosis. The nurses in the Home are specially trained to cause those precautions to be taken by the poor which medical science prescribes for the prevention of this disease, and for staying its progress, and to do what they can to educate the poor to protect themselves and their homes from its ravages.

The King of Spain, on his way from England spent a few hours in Bordeaux.

After visiting the Faculty of Medicine and the Private Nursing Home of Dr. Moure, his Majesty went to the Tondu Hospital, where he was received by the members of the Committee and Medical Staff. The entrance was lined on either side by the nurses in their gay, yet practical, uniforms. Dr. Lande, after explaining the object of the school, presented Miss Elston, the Directrice, to the King, who graciously shook hands. Senorita Iparraguirre, a probationer, came forward with a bouquet tied with yellow and red ribbons, the Spanish colours. Speaking in Spanish, she begged his Majesty to accept some flowers of France for the Queen from the nurses of the Tondu School. The King replied in the same language, and, in thanking the nurses, said he was specially pleased that they remembered the Queen.

King Alfonso, conducted by Dr. Lande, Dr. Moure, Dr. Pousson, Dr. Dubreuille, and others, then visited the wards. One of Dr. Pousson's patients, a Spaniard, was specially honoured. The King asked him several questions as to his operation, and the patient spoke very gratefully of the careful nursing he had received. His Majesty shook hands with this patient on parting, cordially wishing him a speedy recovery.

On leaving the wards, his Majesty asked Miss Elston if she were English, and, on learning that she was, immediately spoke English. He said he knew how high the standard of nursing was in England, and that the nurses were drawn from the educated class. Miss Elston remarked that nurses owed a great deal to Queen Alexandra, who takes such an interest in the nursing profession.

Before leaving the hospital, the King signed the Visitors' Book: "Alfonso XIII., Burdeos, 6, xii., 1907." The book was also signed by the members of the Royal suite.

At the entrance, before leaving, the King thanked Dr. Lande and the medical and nursing staffs for their warm reception, and congratulated them on their excellent management.

Amidst the salutations of inquisitive on-lookers, the Spanish sovereign jumped quickly into a magnificent automobile which all too quickly whirled out of sight the first royal visitor to the Ecole des Gardes-Malades du Tondu.

Exams., Diplomas and Prizes.

Princess Christian, the President of the R.B.N.A., presented diplomas to the following nurses at the Medical Societies' Rooms, London, on Friday last:—Miss Habgood (Middlesex Hospital), Miss B. Jamieson (Kimberly Hospital), Miss Maxwell (Glasgow Royal Infirmary), Miss Miles and Miss Simmonds (Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham).

The London Hospital.—Attached to this hospital is, we presume, the largest nursing school in the world. At the recent examination some 130 candidates were examined.

Bristol General Hospital.—At the recent examination the following nurses gained distinction:—Gold Medal, Nurse Lottie Culverwell. Memorial Prize, Nurse M. Davies. Silver Medal, Nurse Keen. Certificates, Nurses Churchill, Clapp, Jordan, M. Sampson, Webb, and Workman. Prizes, Nurses Atkinson, Badcock, Gillet, Golding, Holbonow, Jenkins, Slater, and Wyatt.

Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and Women. First Prize (after two years' training): Nurse Cooper. Second Prize: Nurse Grant. Certificate of Merit: Nurse Stevens. Second Year Nurses.—Anatomy and Surgery Prize: Nurse Cooper. Certificate of Honourable Mention: Nurses Ransom, Grant, Martyn, Houghton, Cann, Davis, and Yorath. First Year Nurses.—Prize: Nurse Peters. Certificates of Honourable Mention: Nurses Camp-ling, Goldstone, and Gwendoline. Physiology and Medicine (Second Year Nurses), Prize: Nurse Cooper. Certificates of Honourable Mention: Nurses Grant, Houghton, and Cann. First Year's Nurses.—Prize: Nurse Peters. Certificate of Honourable Mention: Nurse Camp-ling.

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