

NURSING ECHOES.

The Prince of Wales will pay a visit to Folkestone on July 27th, to lay the foundation stone of the new nurses' home, which will adjoin the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society, at its annual meeting held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on June 29th, decided to expend its annual surplus entirely in augmenting sick benefit for the members so that they will receive 14s. 6d. a week instead of 12s.

The Nurses' Insurance Society (in connection with the Pension Fund) has decided to expend its surplus on dental benefit, hospital accommodation and convalescent benefit.

Our experience is that hospital and convalescent benefit for nurses is obtainable without payment, and that increased sick pay, which they can expend as they choose, is preferable.

The London Hospital Nurses' Bazaar is in full swing as we go to press, and has received wide support from many friends. Queen Alexandra has sent for sale a lovely dolls' house, fitted exquisitely, which, if raffled, would bring a very large sum of money. Anyway, it is sure to find a generous buyer.

We wonder more girls do not follow the fashion of the time of Queen Anne and furnish a Dolls' House. In her day nothing was too fine, made in miniature, to fit such a delightful toy, and now these Stuart houses are most rare and valuable. The owners worked carpets in *petit point*, made hangings of rich brocade, utensils were made of silver, dinky to a degree, and gave a complete scheme of the house-proud dame. We have a friend who has fitted a very large Dolls' Mansion, everything complete, and the fun she has had arranging it has given her the greatest pleasure.

A very happy reunion of the members of the City of Westminster Infirmary Nurses' League and their former Matron, Miss Elma M. Smith, took place on Saturday, July 2nd, at the house of a friend, Miss Perkins, of Cowleaze, Hendon, where Miss Smith is at present spending a holiday. A good number of the old members availed themselves of this unique opportunity of once again meeting.

Tea was served on the lawn, the tables grouped about looking very inviting for cosy

chats. The Rev. Dr. Farrer, of Kingsbury, was amongst the guests, and to him fell the pleasurable task of presenting a beautiful gold bracelet to Miss Smith, also an autograph album in which were the signatures of the nurses, cut from letters received and artistically arranged in alphabetical order by Miss Schuller, the late Editor of the League's Journal. July 2nd was the day of the Air-Pageant at Hendon, thus making it both difficult and interesting to get there. From the gate of Cowleaze the guests had the pleasure of seeing the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra going to the aerodrome and returning. From the bottom of the garden a very good view of the Pageant was obtained. After a very pleasant time the visitors gradually departed, and one and all feel they owe to Miss Perkins' generous act, in thus inviting them to meet at her house the Matron and members of their old school, a very deep and heartfelt vote of thanks.

In a shady corner of the Bedford County Hospital grounds a large company assembled on Thursday afternoon last week to assist in raising funds for furnishing Quarry Cottage at the Convalescent Home at Aspley Heath, which is to be used as a Rest House for nurses at the Hospital, and all trained nurses and health visitors working in the county of Bedford. In order to raise funds for this deserving object the members of the Bedford County Hospital Nurses' League arranged a garden party and sale of country produce, cakes, sweets, etc., and their efforts were rewarded with great success.

The Matron, Miss Livingstone Charteris, was presented with an exquisite bouquet of flowers, the gift of the members of the League.

The wards of the Hospital were open for inspection, and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity, afterwards expressing themselves as highly pleased with all they had seen. From beginning to end the afternoon's function was immensely enjoyed, and all those who took part in the proceedings deserve great praise for the success they achieved.

Miss Charteris informs the press that through the generosity and sympathy of those who contributed to and attended the sale, the League has accomplished its aim and has raised £100.

The annual Prize-giving at the St. Marylebone Infirmary will take place on July 14th, and Miss Cockrell, the Matron, will be pleased to

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