

NURSING ECHOES.

We convey to Lady Wilson in her tragic bereavement the respectful sympathy of many loyal members of the Nursing Profession, who grieve with her in the irreparable loss she has sustained by the ruthless assassination of her great and noble husband. In these degenerate days the Nation can ill spare the services of its illustrious and patriotic sons.

Nurses placed their tribute of esteem on the little black platform in St. Paul's, on which rested, draped with the Union Jack he loved, the coffin of the great Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, before it was reverently lowered to its place of rest and honour in the Crypt, with Roberts on the left hand and Wolseley on the right, in the quiet Valhalla, where Nelson and Wellington sleep near by. Heroes all, beloved and remembered of the people for all time.

There was a large gathering of the clans at the party at St. Thomas's Hospital on the 21st ult., for which the members of the Nightingale Training School had issued invitations "to have the honour of meeting His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G." The disappointment of the afternoon was that owing to the arrival of the Prince of Wales the Duke of Connaught was unable to be present, his place being taken by Sir George Makins.

The guests were received by the Matron, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, R.R.C., and the Home Sister, and, as usual, the corridor and the wards were beautifully decorated. Tea and ices were served in the Home, on the lawn, and on the Terrace, and, as the afternoon was bright and sunny, the sparkling River looked its best. Many "Nightingales" who had not met for years renewed old friendships, and the function was very enjoyable.

The Cowdray Club in Cavendish Square for nurses and other professional women was opened by Lady Cowdray on Thursday, June 22nd; it should meet a need for women workers whose salaries are limited—as those of nurses are—as the subscription is very reasonable. Richer women may be members by paying a double subscription, an economic arrangement which is not to our taste, but apparently the nursing profession has now become inured to charity and patronage since the campaign for the Nation's Fund for Nurses was inaugurated by Lady Cowdray.

Nurses who prefer to pay as they go can do so by joining the Royal British Nurses'

Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, the subscription to which is less. The United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., 34, Cavendish Square, W., was founded and is supported by the Nursing Naval and Military Services, and is, we hear, very well run. It is founded on a self-supporting basis.

After the opening of the Cowdray Club the foundation-stone of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was laid by Lady Cowdray, Sir Arthur Stanley, the Chairman, presiding. It is to be erected on ground at the back of the Club, and the top floors to be utilised for bedrooms for the members.

It is now upwards of thirty years since we advocated a College of Nurses for professional educational purposes—an academic institution on the lines of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

It remains to be seen if a College which deals with social, political, and economic affairs will carry out its educational service to the satisfaction of the profession.

The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and National Baby Week Council will hold a series of Conferences, a Mass Meeting, and Lectures, on July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, London, and visits to institutions have also been arranged. The Programme, which teems with interesting matters, can be procured from the Hon. Secretary at the above address. Nurses, especially those engaged in health work, should greatly benefit from attending the Conferences.

Miss E. M. Cordell, Matron of St. Mary, Islington, Infirmary, Highgate, asks us to make known that the staff of the Infirmary feel that there should be some permanent record of the long and faithful public service of the late Dr. A. H. Robinson, for 22 years Medical Superintendent of the Infirmary, whose death occurred on May 31st after a few days' illness. Dr. Robinson was widely known throughout the Nursing Service, and during the whole of his career always displayed great interest in the nurses under his control. It is proposed to erect a suitable memorial over the family grave in which he was interred in Highgate Cemetery. Miss Cordell feels sure that many nurses would like to subscribe to this memorial, and will be very glad to receive any donations to the Memorial Fund.

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