

NURSING ECHOES.

Great pleasure was given to the nursing staff of the Middlesex Hospital by the visit of the King and Queen to their new Nurses' Home on October 29th. Our illustration, which was taken in the Nurses' Recreation Room, shows Their Majesties with Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., Chairman of the hospital, the Matron, Miss Dorothy M. Smith, and members of the nursing staff.

We had recently the pleasure and privilege of being shown the Matron's Office at St. Thomas's Hospital, which was a gift from a former member of the Nursing Staff, in honour of the Matron, Miss Alicia Lloyd-Still, refitted in a very beautiful and useful manner.

On entry to the room one is struck with the natural oak panelling of the walls—silvery and exquisite as this wood is when unvarnished—the eye is charmed—and then, behold, every panel at a touch can be slid aside to disclose the most useful fittings; here are cupboards, sliding trays, pigeon-holes, and drawers of all sizes, which can be usefully applied to every detail of secretarial and record work. No gift could have been more welcome to the busy head of a great training school, the clerical records of whose office need filing from hour to hour. We hope this department may be open for the inspection of those about to build the administrative departments of hospitals and training schools.

The donor and all concerned are to be warmly congratulated on the completeness and beauty of this unique gift.

On Wednesday, November 18th, Miss Medford, the Matron-in-Chief, and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service will hold their Annual "At Home" at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, from 3.30 to 6 p.m.

A selection of music will be played during the afternoon by the Band of the Royal Artillery.

These reunions are extremely popular, as the Q.A.I.M.N.S. is held in great affection and esteem both by the nursing profession and the public.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Dinner Club held its First Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel on the evening of October 7th, when a large number of past and serving Members were present, many of the past Members coming from a considerable distance. As it was the first meeting of the Club no guests had been invited.

Dame Joanna M. Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C., the lately retired Matron-in-Chief, was in the chair, and was warmly welcomed by the Members of the Service, who presented her with a spray of crimson carnations tied with ribbons of the Royal Air Force colours.

The Park Suite was beautifully decorated with baskets of flowers, ferns, crimson carnations, and smilax forming the table decorations.

The Loyal Toasts were proposed by the Chairman, and were followed by the Toast of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Dinner Club. Dame Joanna gave an interesting account of the formation of the

Club, which has a large membership of past and serving Members.

Messages of good wishes, together with letters regretting their inability to be present, had been received from Members abroad.

The Toast of the Chairman, also that of absent Members, was proposed by Miss K. C. Watt, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, with good wishes for their health and happiness.

The Executive Committee of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing met recently at 58, Victoria Street. Miss Bright presided.

A resolution of sympathy and regret was passed on the death of Sir Warren Crooke-Lawless, who had been for many years a member of the Council of the Institute, and since 1923 had been Chairman of the Executive Committee.

It was reported that the Queen had been pleased to appoint Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, Lady Forres, and Lady Digby as members of the Council of the Institute.

The Committee expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Cunard for her offer, conveyed through Lady FitzGerald, of a house as a home for Queen's Nurses in the future. The General Superintendent had submitted a report on her visit to the Scottish branch, when she saw the work in the training homes in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, and with some Queen's Nurses. Excellent work was being done and steady progress being made towards a complete curative and preventive service throughout Scotland. The names of 140 nurses were placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses to date, July 1st, 1931.

A special form has been drawn up by the Institute, on which the superintendents can collect statistics in regard to the nursing of notifiable diseases. Resolutions have been sent to the British Medical Association urging the necessity for early reference of cases to the local district nursing associations, and to the *Lancet* Commission, pointing out that many patients go to the hospital out-patients' departments daily for dressings where the attention could be given by the district nurse at home. It is felt that in some cases full advantage is not taken of the skilled attention which could be given to the people in their own homes.

The late Sir Thomas Lipton has bequeathed Osidge, his house at Southgate, where he died, as a hostel for nurses, in memory of his mother. His trustees are directed to make over the house policies and estate to such institution, or persons or body corporate, as they think fit; they are also given power to give such articles of furniture, etc., at Osidge to the hostel as they think fit, and a sum of £20,000 is left as an endowment for the hostel. A splendid bequest.

£3,000 is also left to the Lipton Memorial Nurses' Home, Cambuslang.

Sir Thomas also left £100,000, less such sums as he may have given in his lifetime, to be applied in the City of Glasgow by his trustees for the benefit of poor mothers of the working-classes and their children. The sum available is £80,000, £20,000 having been given by him during his lifetime for this purpose.

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