

### Nursing Echoes.

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PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, lately visited Edinburgh, and presented badges and certificates at the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute to a number of Nurses. The Marquis of Lorne, M.P., at the request of the Princess Louise, said it had given her Royal Highness immense satisfaction to see so representative a gathering of Nurses from

all parts of Scotland. The devotion to duty shown by the Nurses was very highly appreciated by the Princess and by her Majesty, who had given her name to the Institute.

THE ceremony which was the occasion of the recent visit of Princess Beatrice to Edinburgh was performed under the most auspicious circumstances. This was the opening of the beautiful new Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children of which Miss Piggott, Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is Lady Superintendent. After the formal opening of the building the Princess was conducted over the Hospital by Mr. Hall Blyth, and had her attention directed to the leading features of the building. The Marchioness of Tweeddale and Mrs. Falconar Stewart accompanied the Royal party, as did also the directors, the medical staff, and the Lady Superintendent.

The first ward visited was on the ground floor of the west wing, which as yet is unoccupied. Here Dr. Joseph Bell, having been presented, requested Her Royal Highness to hand to each of the Nurses present a silver badge commemorative of the occasion. This was a most interesting part of the ceremony, and was repeated in the other two wards visited, all the Nurses receiving a badge, gifted by the four physicians of the Hospital—Drs. James Carmichael, Playfair, Joseph Bell, and Burn Murdoch. The badge, which displays the city arms and the name of the institution, was pinned to a knot of ribbon in the colours of the Princess of Wales. In Dr. Joseph Bell's Ward the Nurses who received the decoration were Sister Meta Morrison, Sister Agnes Ruddock, Nurses Isabel Wakefield, Marion Clarke, Anna Leyde, Ella Binning, Bessie Clapperton and Joan Greig.

The surgical theatre was the next department visited, and from there the party proceeded upstairs to the ward which Her Royal Highness had been requested to name on the first floor of the east wing. Here a very pretty scene was presented. All the cots were occupied by little patients who were, to all appearance, well on their way to convalescence, and greatly delighted with the prospect of a visit from the Princess. Her Royal Highness had a smile for the occupant of every bed as she passed all the way down the ward, and several times she paused and delighted the little ones beyond measure by asking them a question, such as if they knew who she was. To this, as may be supposed, she always got a ready answer. So interested was she in the tiny patients she lingered much longer here than in any other part of the building, and it was with an evident sense of pleasure that, at the request of Mr. Hall Blyth, she paused on her way through the ward, and said—"I name this ward the Beatrice Ward."

Dr. John Playfair was then presented, and at his desire Her Royal Highness handed badges to the following Nurses:—Sisters Catherine Dickson and Jessie Grant, Nurses May Manson, Evelyn Roger, Martha Liszt, Mary Greig, Alice Hislop, Frances Gentle, Helen M'Leish, Edith Drew, and Margaret Broomfield. The party were then conducted to the ward on the same floor in the west wing, where, at the request of Dr. James Carmichael, the remainder of the Nurses were presented with badges by Her Royal Highness. They were Sisters Effie Hatfield and Elizabeth Shortrede, and Nurses Elaine Christie, Marion Robertson, Eva Watson, Belle Jamieson, Nelly Bruce, and Emily Legatt.

Miss Piggott, the Lady Superintendent, was also presented with a gold badge, and the Princess, in handing her the decoration, mentioned the fact that her sister, the Princess Christian, had met her. As it happened, Miss Piggott was wearing at the time the badge of the Royal British Nurses' Association, presented to her a few years ago by the Princess Christian, and this she showed to Her Royal Highness, expressing at the same time her great gratification that she should have been so remembered.

When all the badges had been presented, Mr. Hall Blyth, on behalf of the directors, asked Her Royal Highness to accept a gold enamelled badge as a souvenir of the occasion. The Princess said it gave her great pleasure to accept the gift, and she would always value it highly. Then before leaving the ward she per-

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