

**Nursing Echoes.**

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DURING the late visit of the Crown Princess of Greece to Berlin she received a deputation of the Central Committee of the German Red Cross Society at the Royal Castle. The German Empress, as protectress of the Society, presented the members of the deputation. The Crown Princess expressed her gratitude for the field hospital, with doctors and attendants, and for the

bandages and medicines which had been sent to Greece during the recent war by the Central Committee, and by several German branches of the Red Cross Society. The Germans did good work near the seat of war, and their ambulance tents and fitments near Stylis were very complete. The Greek Army have now reoccupied the last points held by the Turks in Greece. It is to be hoped that the Greek nation will now thoroughly reorganise their Administration. We have no fear for their future progress.

At the Annual Meeting of the Peebles Branch of Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, a very satisfactory report was read as follows :

"The Executive Committee beg to submit the fifth annual report of the Peebles Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and it affords them much pleasure to state that the work of nursing in the community during the past year has been attended with much success and benefit to the sick and suffering. Nurse Wade's services and attention to the various patients have again to be gratefully acknowledged by the Committee. Owing to there being no serious cases at the time, it was not necessary this year to engage a nurse during Nurse Wade's holiday. The Lady Superintendent from Edinburgh expressed herself as much pleased with the work of the Institute in Peebles when she paid her annual visit of inspection in December last. During the year eighty-four cases received nursing, four of these being reported by the patients or their friends, and the remainder by the medical practitioners. The diseases treated were of the same character as in former years, and a total of 5,609 visits had been paid. The patients still on the roll number twenty-two. The accounts show a balance at credit to start next year of £24 9s. 10d. The Committee are pleased to report that the house-to-house collection is practically the same as last year, thereby testifying to the continued interest and appreciation of the community in the work, which the Committee very gratefully acknowledge, and they beg to thank the lady collectors for their valuable assistance and services. The subscriptions and dona-

tions, however, show a slight decrease. Donations of fruit, old linen, and other useful articles have been received by Nurse Wade and distributed by her among the sick poor. The sum of £3 10s. 11½d. has been spent out of the Needlework Guild Funds in providing extra comforts not properly chargeable to the funds of the Institute. The balance at the credit of the Guild Fund is £6 12s. 2½d. Invalid clothing received from the Needlework Guild has also been distributed amongst the Nurse's patients. The Committee held eleven meetings in the course of the year."

Dr. Gann kindly took the opportunity of publicly thanking Nurse Wade for her valuable services to himself and his patients during the year.

The committee and medical officer of the Hinckley Isolation Hospital bear warm testimony to the devotion to duty and skill of Nurse Fielding, who has just resigned her position at the hospital. Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, a testimonial was forwarded to Nurse Fielding. This proof of appreciation can only have the best results between the committee and their staff.

THE Chairman of the Maidstone Board of Guardians is a somewhat ingenuous gentleman, to judge from his reported opinions on nursing matters. At a recent meeting of the House Committee a guardian reported that the House Committee had had the question of the nursing staff, and the appointment of a lady superintendent nurse, brought before them by the Local Government Board, and as it was a big question, and would mean a re-arrangement of the accommodation, and, moreover, required very careful consideration, the House Committee thought it would be desirable to appoint a special committee to discuss the matter.

THE Chairman remarked that the House Committee had endeavoured to stave off that question for a time, and it had been suggested to him by someone in high authority, that if they could get their medical officer to say that the present state of things was satisfactory, and no change was wanted, that that would be a strong argument to the Local Government Board. But he was bound to say that the doctor's report and opinion were not entirely satisfactory, for he seemed to indicate that the appointment of the superintendent-nurse and the arrangements consequent upon that point, would be more satisfactory, and they would get the nursing better done. We congratulate the medical officer in having the courage of his opinions in spite of the dishonourable suggestion of "someone in high authority."

THE following advertisement has appeared in the daily press, and no doubt will meet with a response from the type of men who make bands-

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