

Nursing Echoes.

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ON Friday, July 21st, the Princess of Wales receives, at Marlborough House, nurses entitled to the certificates of the National Pension Fund who have not attended a previous reception. The number of nurses entitled to be present is about 3,000. All will attend in uniform.

THE Duchess of York, on Monday last, accompanied by the Duke, visited Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and opened the new Nurses' Home. Their Royal Highnesses were received by Lord Portman, the President of the Hospital, who read an address, to which the Duke of York replied on behalf of the Duchess. Her Royal Highness received purses in aid of the building fund, some of which were presented by children carried in their nurses' arms.

THE nurses are to be congratulated on their new Home, which, under the supervision of Sister Barry, will afford them much more comfortable quarters than they have hitherto enjoyed. The Home provides accommodation for seventy nurses, but at present only about fifty are living there. Attached to it is a house for six students, and the Sister in Charge of the Nurses' Home is responsible for this also; that is for the cooking, and the cleanliness of the house. A porter attends to the door, and waits on the students.

EACH of the nurses has a separate bedroom, which is comfortably furnished, plenty of bath rooms are provided, a boon, as well as a necessity to district nurses. A lift for luggage runs from the bottom to the top of the house, a most necessary provision when the constant comings and goings—each nurse only staying for about a month at a time—are taken into consideration. From a little balcony at the top of the house quite an extensive view is obtainable, and it is possible for tired nurses to get fresh air without going out of doors. One floor is reserved for the night nurses, so that they can have the quiet essential. The room of the Sister in Charge and also that of the Out-patient Sister are on the ground floor.

In the basement are the kitchen, pantry, larder, and other offices, as well as the nurses' dining room. There is communication on this floor between the students' and the nurses' homes by means of a small lift, used for the dishes for the students' house. The building of this home marks the advance which has been made since the nurses, not so many years ago at Queen Charlotte's Hospital slept in the wards with their patients, a regulation which necessarily prevented many better-class nurses from entering the hospital for training.

THE Princess Louise, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, and Colonel Collings, was present last week at a garden fete and sale of work, held in aid of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, at Carnforth House, Hammersmith. Her Royal Highness was received by Miss Curtis, Lady Superintendent of the Home, General Goldsworthy, M.P., and the Rev. Prebendary Snowden, and after taking tea, watched the performance of a children's carnival. Later in the day the Princess received purses in aid of the Association. After General Goldsworthy had expressed the thanks of the Association to her Royal Highness for her presence, the Marquis of Lorne replied and said that he hoped that the afternoon's proceedings would result in a profit which would clear the Institute from debt.

WE are glad to see that the Metropolitan Asylums Board have dealt, as we anticipated, with their usual liberality in the case of Nurse Cavaret, who was incapacitated for work in consequence of illness supervening upon an attack of scarlet fever contracted in the discharge of her duty. Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the Committee have decided to allow the nurse £1 a week for twelve months, at the end of which time the Committee propose to report to the Board on the subject of her health.

THE Devonport Guardians have had before them that perennial topic for the consideration of Guardians, friction between the Matron of the Workhouse and the Superintendent Nurse. They seem to have taken a common sense view of the situation, and point out that "it must be remembered that in all matters other than nursing, the nurses are subject to the directions of the Master or Matron. This supremacy in administrative capacity puts it within the power of the Matron to make the Superintendent Nurse very uncomfortable, and to thwart and hamper her in an illegitimate way. It seems to the Committee that the Local Government Board should be

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