

Nursing Echoes.

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Princess Christian, the President, has signified her intention to present the diplomas to the five candidates who have successfully passed the examination of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

The London Nurses' Co-operation are giving an At Home on Friday this week at their beautiful Howard de Walden Nurses' Home and Club in Langham Street. The handiwork of the Nurses' Needlework Guild will be on show, and tea will be served from 3.30 to 5.30. The Nurses' Co-operation took the initiative in securing the fees which they earn to private nurses themselves, and so far have received gratifying support from the medical profession and the public. It is to be hoped that the increasing number of salaried private nursing institutes attached to the large London hospitals will not injure the good work of the Nurses' Co-operation. The members will be well advised to bring the just industrial principles on which they work to the notice of the public generally.

At the opening of the new operating theatre at the Samaritan Free Hospital, Marylebone Road, W., recently, the Chairman of the Committee of Management, the Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.D., reviewed the history of the institution, and the part played by nursing in the treatment of the sick, as well as the progress which has taken place in the last thirty years. The ovariectomy cases were, until not so very long ago, operated on, not in the theatre, but in a small room. Recently the hospital arrangements, and those for the nursing staff have been reorganised, and the opening of the new theatre marks a complete evolution to modern methods.

At the dinner which took place upon the same evening, Dr. Oxford, who presided, spoke warmly of the debt which was owed by everyone connected with the hospital to the Matron, Miss Tice. The Chairman

spoke of the improvements which had taken place in the arrangements of the institution in the five years that he had held office, especially the abolition of the system by which serious operation cases were put in charge of one nurse for 48 hours. Mr. Alban Doran, who endorsed Dr. Oxford's appreciation of the Matron, spoke also of Nurses Parrett, Wood, Nicholson, and Margaret Phillips as women who had saved dozens of lives, in the circumstances indicated by Dr. Oxford, by careful and devoted nursing.

The excellent work done by the Brighton, Hove, and Preston District Nursing Association, under the superintendence of Miss Buckle, received due appreciation at the annual meeting last week. Queen's Nurses are evidently well beloved amongst the poor in Brighton, and it only remains for the rich to give more financial support so that their ministrations can be extended.

In moving the adoption of the report, Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent, said the Queen's Jubilee Institute owed Brighton a great debt of gratitude, for not only was the local Association doing a good work in that locality, but it was training excellent nurses to go into other parts of the country. Adverting to the memorandum from headquarters to the effect that in future every probationer must pass an examination in order to be enrolled as a Queen's Nurse, she explained that every probationer was a fully-trained and qualified hospital nurse, and was not a probationer in the hospital sense of the term; but only in the sense that she had not had the necessary instruction in dealing with the sick poor in their own homes.

The lectures that are to be given to the probationers include the subject of the Poor Law and its administration. People might wonder why the Queen's Nurses should want to know about the Poor Law. The Committee wanted their nurses to be not only skilled administrators in disease, but that they should know something of the conditions under which the poor live, something of the needs of the poor; but a little knowledge in this respect would enable them to take advantage of the opportunities that are bound to offer themselves for giving counsel to the poor and helping them into better ways.

Last Saturday, in Aitchison's Rooms, Queen Street, Edinburgh, café chantant on behalf of the Scottish Nurses' Club, Edin-

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