

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Reception to the members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service of the City and County of London, by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on the evening of Friday, October 27th, was a very pleasant gathering. The host and hostess received their guests in one of the reception rooms, from which they passed on to the Egyptian Hall, where an excellent programme of music, arranged by Mr. Fred Cozens, was greatly enjoyed. Amongst those present were members of the General Committee, and of the Sub-Committees of the four General Hospitals, Sir George Truscott, and the Misses Truscott, Sir Joseph and Lady Dimsdale and Miss Dimsdale, Lady Faudel-Phillips, the Hon. Mrs. Tufton, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Sheriff George Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, Lady Beachcroft, Lady Denbigh, Lady Watson Cheyne, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Colonel and Mrs. Giles, Colonel Clarke, Lieut.-Colonel W. Campbell Hyslop, Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss B. Cutler, Miss Goodhue (Hon. Secretary), and others. The Matron-in-Chief of the Service, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss Cox Davies, Principal Matron of No. 1 (City of London) General Hospital, and Miss Ray, Miss Barton and Miss Davies, Principal Matrons, all wearing the uniform of the Service, and the Coronation Medal, recently awarded them by the King. The stately Hall, hung with historic flags, and decorated with the fine gold plate, looked its best, brightened by the gray and scarlet uniforms worn by many of the nurses. Where all the music was of so high an order, it is difficult to single out any special song. Mme. Nicholson and Miss Amstad delighted the audience and responded generously to encores; Mr. Bertram Mills and Mr. Roland Jackson gave equal pleasure, and the duets and solos of Masters Eric Bates and John Child were enthusiastically received.

Half way through the programme the Lord Mayor announced an interval, and invited his guests to the supper-room, where the tea and coffee and other good things were thoroughly appreciated, many of the guests afterwards staying to listen to the beautiful music of Herr Gyula Boxhorn's Viennese Band before returning to the Egyptian Hall.

Before the close of the evening Lady Dimsdale in a delightful way voiced the feelings of all present in proposing a vote of thanks to the Lady Mayoress, saying that Lady Vezev Strong had taken an immense amount of trouble in arranging the programme, and throughout the

Lord Mayor's year of office her interest in the work of the Committee had been much appreciated by its members. Turning to the Lady Mayoress she concluded, "Lady Mayoress, we thank you for your kindness this evening, and the Lord Mayor for receiving the guests." The resolution was seconded by Miss Sidney Browne and carried with acclamation.

The Lady Mayoress, ascending the platform, most charmingly expressed her thanks in the following words: "My husband and I are delighted to see you at the Mansion House. We have the greatest admiration for your work, and are glad of this opportunity in a small way of showing our appreciation. We are delighted to see you."

Many expressions of pleasure were heard as the guests dispersed, at the enjoyable evening, which they had spent, and of appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Serlby Hall, near Retford, the seat of Viscount and Viscountess Galway, possesses the distinction of being the only military hospital established in England by the authority of the War Office for the reception of wounded in the event of invasion. Lady Galway, Colonel Commandant, is head of the hospital, which is not connected with the Red Cross Society, and is known as Viscountess Galway's Auxiliary Military Hospital.

The hospital, which provides 100 beds, was recently inspected by Surgeon-General Kenny. A demonstration was given of the admission, medical examination, and removal to the wards of patients, beds were prepared, appliances made ready for an operation, and the dressings sterilized by the nurses in attendance. The detachments were subsequently assembled in the Banqueting Hall, where General Kenny thanked Lady Galway for her patriotism, and said that Serlby Hall was the only place he had seen in the Northern Command where any proper attempt had been made to prepare for any emergency.

It is understood that in the near future important reforms are to be made in the administration of the Poor Law in London, which will involve considerable changes in the local government of the Metropolis. No doubt as a result of the recommendations of the Poor Law Commission, the formation of a Central Metropolitan Poor Law Board is under consideration, the purpose of which would be to centralize the control of all the institutions for

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