

Nursing Echoes.



After a warm welcome in Wales the King and Queen have had a splendid reception in Scotland. On Tuesday the Queen paid a visit to the Hospital for Women and Children at Bruntsfield, Edinburgh. A party of the Scottish Women's First Aid Corps, in striking uniform, was lined up outside the main door. On entering the hall, Lady Pentland presented to the Queen the Dowager Marchioness of Bute (President of the Hospital), Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson (Vice-President), and the Lady Superintendent with other officials. The Queen opened the new wing of the model hospital, and from the balcony bowed her acknowledgments of the welcome accorded to her from the guests in the old-world garden. She then made a tour of the hospital and displayed a most kindly interest in the poor women from the out-patient department, who had come with their babies to see the Queen. Having expressed great pleasure at the equipment of the wards Her Majesty was loudly cheered as she left the hospital to drive back past the Longmore Hospital for Incurables, where the carriage halted so that the patients might see her from the windows.

On Wednesday a visit was paid to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, by the King and Queen, at which many presentations, including those of Lady Susan Gilmour and Miss Gill, R.R.C., the Lady Superintendent of Nurses, were made. Their Majesties proceeded to Ward No. 7 (surgical), which the King named "The King George Ward," and after the Secretary for Scotland had presented Professor Caird (surgeon in charge of the ward), they passed to Ward No. 30 (medical), which the Queen named "The Queen Mary Ward." The Secretary for Scotland presented Dr. Byron Bramwell and Dr. G. A. Gibson (physicians in charge of ward). The Royal Infirmary, magnificently situated, splendidly equipped and decorated, aroused the admiration it deserves.

During Queen Alexandra's stay in London she has twice visited the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital at Millbank. On the first occasion Her Majesty was received by Lieut.-Col. J. Maher, officer in charge, and Miss Martin, Matron, who conducted her through the wards—where she made kindly

inquiries of several of the patients, personally evincing special interest in a man of the West India Regiment—and to the operating theatre, kitchens, etc. Queen Alexandra then inspected the beautiful window, the memorial to the late King Edward, which has recently been placed in the chapel, and thence proceeded to the newly-opened block for sick officers, in whose progress she displayed kind solicitude.

By permission of the King, the annual meeting of the Queen Alexandra's Committee of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held on the 11th inst., at St. James's Palace, under the presidency of the Countess of Minto. There was a large attendance in the State apartments. The Countess of Minto, who had been appointed President by Queen Alexandra, in succession to Adeline Duchess of Bedford, said the report showed that, as in previous years, £2,000 had been handed over to Queen Victoria's Institute. She moved that the report be sent for approval to Queen Alexandra, and the Duchess of Somerset seconding, this was unanimously agreed to.

At a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held last week, Mr. Harold Boulton presiding, it was reported that the repairs and alterations at the home Bryn Menai had been practically completed, and estimates for the furnishing had been passed by the Executive Committee. Miss Millicent Goodwin, late Superintendent at Woolwich, has been selected as the head of the home, and it was hoped that it would be ready for the reception of nurses very shortly. Mr. J. E. Greaves, Lord Lieutenant of Carnarvonshire, had consented to open the home, the date suggested being Tuesday, August 8th.

How important it is that thoroughly trained nurses should be available on large ocean steamers the fact that two operations for appendicitis were performed by the surgeon, Dr. McMasters, during the voyage of the Celtic, which arrived at Queens-town last Saturday demonstrates. For one operation the steamer was stopped for an hour and a half, but the second was carried out while the ship was steaming fast. For economy's sake ships' companies engage "stewardess nurses." They should be compelled to engage professional women for nursing the sick, and domestics for domestic duties. Imagine a male steward called away from waiting at table to perform a surgical operation! The "stewardess nurse" is equally hybridous.

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