

NURSING ECHOES.

During their recent visit to Aldershot the King and Queen visited the hospitals. At the Connaught they were received by Surgeon-General W. G. Robinson, the medical staff, and Miss T. G. Willetts, the Matron; at the Louise Margaret, by the medical staff and Miss E. M. Beesby, Lady Superintendent; and at the Cambridge by the Deputy-Director of Medical Services, the medical staff, and Miss H. W. Reid, Matron. At Louise Margaret Hospital the Queen visited every bed—30 beds being occupied by maternity cases—and admired all the babies presented by their proud mothers and nurses.

Princess Henry of Battenberg will be present at the annual meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association, to be held at Devonshire House on Thursday, June 13th, at 3.30. Lord Amptill will preside, and the Secretary for the Colonies will speak.

A conference of representatives of County Nursing Associations affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has approved the proposal that a joint standing committee, consisting of one representative from each of the affiliated County Nursing Associations, should be formed as a committee of the Council of the Institute.

The Education Committee of the London County Council have given their consent to a proposal that four school nurses in the Public Health Department shall be employed in inspecting common lodging-houses occupied by women and licensed by the Council. The Public Health Committee, who first had the matter under consideration, expressed the opinion that the best method of carrying out the inspection would be to employ school nurses. All the lodging-houses affected could be visited monthly if one nurse were employed on one night a week for the purpose, and the inspections could be so arranged that there would be no interference with the ordinary daily work of the nurse. Four nurses, who have already indicated their willingness to undertake the duty, will be employed in rotation. The arrangement is to be experimental, and at the end of three months the scheme will be reviewed in the light of the experience gained.

A serious accident, which might easily have had fatal results, occurred at the Mold Cottage Hospital last week, resulting in the serious injury of the Matron, Sister Pitt. Sister Pitt

was replenishing the spirit lamp of a bronchitis kettle with methylated spirit, under the impression that the flame was extinguished, when the spirit caught alight, with the result that the Matron was seriously burnt about the head and face, and fainted. The curtains and clothing of the patient in the adjoining bed also became ignited. Fortunately one of the surgeons to the hospital, Dr. K. V. Trubshaw, was in the next ward, and with assistance succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The Matron, though prostrated by the shock, is happily progressing favourably.

The Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation has again supplied the British Red Crescent Society with nurses for their mission organised for the purpose of joining the field hospital which has already been despatched to the Tripolitan Hinterland.

A special appeal for funds is being made by the Duchess of Connaught to augment the fund raised by Lady Minto in 1902 for the Victorian Order of Nurses. The need for nurses and for cottage hospitals all over Canada is a very urgent one, and with the ever-increasing growth of the country the demands for nurses get more pressing every day. The Victorian Order has been doing all that was possible with the means at its disposal, and the increase in their work is really remarkable. In 1898, the first year, there were sixteen nurses, 673 patients, and 8,080 visits were paid. In 1911 there were 191 nurses, 19,922 patients, and 162,373 visits were paid.

These facts alone show how great the need is, and it is to enable this work to be further developed and its scope enlarged that the Duchess has decided to make this appeal to all the people of Canada. It is hoped to raise \$500,000, the interest from which sum, carefully invested, would enable the Order to extend its good work to the small towns and scattered districts, where at present the sick and suffering are often entirely uncared for.

The Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, appears to have a very wise committee, as in their progressive building policy the Nurses' Home extension had the first place, and it was recently opened by Her Excellency Lady Islington, who presented the medals to the nurses, given by the Board to create a healthy emulation during the period of training. Miss Cumming, one of the prize winners, also took the first three places in order of merit were held place at the State examination for the whole of New Zealand. In the recent State examination

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