

NURSING ECHOES.

On Friday, May 2nd, the Princess Louis of Battenberg, attended by Miss Kerr, visited Charing Cross Hospital, and was received by the Chairman (Mr. Duff), the Matron (Miss Heather-Bigg), Dr. Galloway, and Mr. Stanley Boyd. The Resident Medical Officer, Mr. Bertram Lloyd, and the Assistant Matron, Miss Pike, were presented to Her Grand Ducal Highness. The Princess' visit was of no superficial nature; she closely inspected every part of the hospital, and was greatly interested by seeing, under the direction of Dr. McLeod, the X-rays applied to the neck of a patient, and the Finsen lamp to some other patients. On reaching the Röntgen ray department, Dr. Ironside Bruce showed several photographs of fractures and other diseases. Her Grand Ducal Highness shook hands with each of the Sisters before speaking to the patients, and was keenly interested in the cause of their being in hospital. On reaching the casualty department she recognised the Sister as one of those who went to nurse the sick wounded in the hospitals of her daughter the Princess Alice of Greece at Salonica, Philippiada, and Janina. She laughingly remarked on the different conditions of work and surroundings. The Princess honoured Charing Cross Hospital at the commencement of the war of the Balkan States by selecting three of the Sisters to go with Miss Kerr to the Princess Alice. The appreciation of their work is expressed by her in the Visitors' Book, which she signed at the termination of her visit:—

"It has given me very great pleasure to be shown over this admirable hospital. I would like to express my gratitude anew for the services rendered by three of its nurses to the sick and wounded in my daughter's hospitals at Salonica, Philippiada, and Janina."

VICTORIA,

PRINCESS LOUIS OF BATTENBERG.

At a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses held last week it was reported that the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association had agreed to make an annual payment of £5 per nurse to the Nursing Associations in Wales and Monmouthshire, in return for their undertaking the domiciliary treatment of tuberculous persons.

It was announced that the garden party which the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire had consented to give for the Queen's Nurses had been fixed for Friday, June 13th, and that invitations

had been sent out to the Queen's Nurses throughout the United Kingdom.

The Bryn-y-Menai Home of Rest for Nurses was, it was said, in want of funds to pay off its deficit, and that the Amateur Stage Club had offered to give a *matinée* performance at the Royal Court Theatre on May 16th.

Affiliations have been granted to the following Associations:—Potterne, Wilts, Crown Point, through Norfolk Nursing Federation; St. Peter's, Bexhill, through Sussex C.N. Association; Sidmouth, through Devon C.N. Association; Sundridge and Riverhead, through Kent C.N. Association; Thetford, through Norfolk N. Federation; Buckley, Flintshire, through N. Wales N. Association; and Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim.

Fifty-nine nurses have been enrolled as Queen's Nurses this year, and the Committee are glad to report that the examination papers of these nurses show a higher standard than usual. The Council sanctioned the award of the small gold and enamel badge for long service to Miss M. Macmaster (Superintendent, Aberdeen) and Miss A. B. Hadden (Superintendent, Metropolitan N. Association). These Superintendents have completed twenty-one years' service.

At a meeting of the Holborn Guardians, the Infirmary Committee reported the statement sent by Dr. J. J. Perkins with reference to the examination of the Infirmary nurses for certificates.

In this it was mentioned that "the examination, as in previous years, has been partly by written paper dealing more especially with the theoretical side of the subject and partly practical and *viva voce*. The answering throughout has been exceedingly good, not only accurate, but showing a thorough appreciation of the underlying principles. The teaching and practical training of the nurses at the Infirmary is evidently uncommonly painstaking and sound, and the result of the examination reflects great credit on the nurses' teachers. As in previous years there were shown for me to inspect specimens of the nurses' work in the shape of charts, splints, bandages, &c., than which nothing could have been better done."

With the exception of one case, Dr. Perkins recommended the Board grant certificates to all the nurses examined.

It was reported that all the successful nurses were called before the Committee and, in the presence of the Medical Superintendent and Matron, congratulated.

The recommendation as to certificates was formally adopted.

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