

NURSING ECHOES.

The treasurer of University College Hospital has received from a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, the sum of 100 guineas as an expression of his admiration and appreciation, from personal observation, of the skill, invariable kindness, and admirable nursing accorded to the patients at University College Hospital.

The post-graduate course for nurses desiring special training in tuberculosis work instituted at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., early in the year, has proved a great success and to have met a need.

The second series of lectures given by members of the honorary medical staff is now in progress, but nurses receive practical instruction in succession in the tuberculosis dispensary all through the year, open only to nurses who have attended the lectures and passed the examination. This instruction is most successfully given by Miss Hayes, who is in charge of the department.

So much value is attached to the course that the two large District Nurses' Associations—viz., the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses and the Ranyard Nurses—have entered into an agreement with the hospital for their nurses to attend the lectures and tuberculosis dispensary.

All the advantages offered nurses not on the hospital staff are offered to the hospital's own nurses (and a special certificate is given), with the exception of the probationers, who are not afforded experience in the tuberculosis dispensary or district.

The probationers, however, have their own special two years' training and a certificate.

The new lecture hall, with the pathological laboratories adjoining, afford excellent facilities for instruction.

The hospital is also fortunate in possessing the most modern epidiascope, which is of great assistance to the lecturers.

Many of the nurses who took the last course have since secured good posts as health visitors and in institutions.

The hospital has been asked to receive resident paying pupils, but this can be done only on a very limited scale for lack of accommodation.

It is expected the next course of lectures will be given in February.

A correspondent sends us the following account of the arrival at the Royal Southern

Hospital, Liverpool, after the recent railway collision, of the wounded fortunate enough to be attended to at that institution:—

"In hospital one is accustomed to sudden announcements and constant variations in the day's work, but mercifully seldom of such an appalling character as was experienced last week. About three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, news of a terrible railway collision at St. James's Station was received at the Royal Southern Hospital, and preparations were at once commenced for the reception of the injured. Every available doctor was quickly in attendance and the majority of the nursing staff concentrated in the Casualty Department and Emergency Wards. Beds were got ready, the Out Patient's couches were carried across and speedily transformed into beds.

"Then poured in a sad procession of terror-stricken and dishevelled travellers, some walking, some on stretchers, many of which latter were improvised from anything that came to hand, such as railway carriage seats, corridor doors with the windows smashed out, witnessing to the wreckage from amidst which the unfortunate people were extricated.

"Those whose injuries were of the most serious nature were immediately put to bed, several being quickly prepared and taken up to the theatres.

"Twenty five altogether arrived, only five of whom were able to be discharged after their wounds were dressed. Some but slightly injured, suffered dreadfully from shock and the greater number being foreigners—Russians, Poles and Scandinavians, added considerably to the difficulty of consoling them.

"Numerous doctors arrived to offer assistance, which, however, had already been given, and in little more than two hours all was going on much as usual, save for the constant stream of anxious enquirers.

"The Bishop of Liverpool attended by his Chaplain was soon on the scene of suffering and visited every sufferer. In addition to the hospital Chaplain, many representatives of various denominations arrived to offer comfort and consolation, that of the foreign ministers being invaluable, knowing the languages of the patients. One touching incident may be of interest—A little child, 16 months old brought by a man, after its examination to insure there were no injuries, was being carried by one of the nursing staff for transference to a ward away from the scene of excitement, when a woman hatless and bedraggled, was admitted and exclaimed in tones of indescribable relief, 'Oh, my baby.' The mother was only slightly injured and suffering from shock; having been on the Campania when she went to the assistance of the ill-fated Titanic, she had already gone through thrilling experiences.

"The chief injuries were fractured legs and injuries to the head. Several patients were able to be discharged the following day and resumed their journey."

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