

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Princess.

The interesting ceremony terminated appropriately by the singing of the National Anthem. Tea was then served to Her Royal Highness in the Rest Room, and to the rest of the company in the Central Hall. B. K.

#### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

By the kind permission of the Board of Guardians of the City of Westminster Infirmary, Hendon, a meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at the Infirmary on July 20th. Miss Elma Smith, the Matron, offers a cordial invitation to the members, and no doubt an enjoyable reunion will take place. The business meeting will be at 4 p.m., after which there will be tea and croquet.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, July 27th, to receive a report on the Nurses' Registration Bill. Members of the Society who are not members of the Executive Committee are cordially invited to attend. Those who desire to do so should notify Miss Breay, Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, W. Such members are invited to express their opinion, but are not eligible to vote.

Mrs. G. F. Wates has generously sent her annual subscription of £1 is. toward the funds of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. She writes: "I cannot send it without expressing my warmest appreciation of the many years of devoted work of 'our leaders.'" Miss Evelyn Thompson has also sent a donation of 2s. 6d. and Miss M. H. Peck 1s.

#### THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE I.S.T.M.

The *British Medical Journal* reports that a conference has been held between members of the Medico-Political section of the British Medical Association and representatives of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, and this body was urged (1) that establishments for the teaching by medical practitioners of pupil masseurs and masseuses who desire the certificate of the Society should only be inspected by medical members of the Society, and (2) that there should be medical representation on the Council or other Executive Body of the Society. The matter is still under consideration.

#### SISTER AUGUSTINE BEWICKE.

It is now alleged that the report from Salonika of Sister Augustine Bewicke's death, referred to in this JOURNAL last week, is not correct. We sincerely hope that this statement may prove to be well founded.

#### THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR HOSPITAL, RICHMOND.

The South African War Hospital, which has been erected on a lovely site just within the gates of Richmond Park, has been built on the hut system and provides for some three hundred beds. The cost, amounting to about £32,000, has been provided by South Africans at home and in England. The walls of the buildings are composed of a non-inflammable composition of concrete and asbestos, the outside being of stained wood. Colonel Stock is its C.O. and Mrs. Creagh is the Matron. Though the necessary havoc of building is still apparent, we judged that it will not be long before its immediate surroundings are once more brought into harmony with the stately trees which fringe it, and with the graceful, timid deer which come up to the wire boundary and gaze with wondering eyes of mute appeal at the enormous structure that has invaded their peace. Are they dimly comprehending that the whole creation must groan and travail in pain together?

While we were waiting to be shown round the buildings the staff of officers, Sisters, V.A.D. probationers and orderlies were being grouped for a photograph. The Matron and Sisters wear light buff uniform faced with dark blue and blue tippets.

On the occasion of our visit only a small number of patients had as yet arrived.

The bath room, which contains eight cubicles, with green waterproof curtains, is at the entrance of the hospital and has two doors, one for entrance and one for exit. The idea is that men straight from the trenches shall enter, take their bath, leave their clothes, don fresh clothing and enter the hospital by the other door. There is a beautiful rest room fitted with luxurious easy chairs and a billiard table. The dining room for convalescents is bright and pleasant, and the tables were gaily decorated with flowers.

Soft green is the colour scheme of the long wards. Green casement curtains to the windows, green enamel beds. The blue screens were a matter of discussion.

The beds had the source of their endowment printed above them, and amongst others we read:—"Camp's Bay," Queenstown; "Women's Unionist Association," and "The Women of Johannesburg."

The dressing room is admirably fitted with its aseptic arrangements and operating table where all cases so able are brought to be dressed. There are two beautiful theatres, with an anaesthetic room between, one for septic and the other for aseptic cases. The lighting of these calls for special admiration. It is so constructed as to cast no shadows, and we were told that when dark it has the effect of bright moonlight. It runs continuously round the top of the wall after the manner of a picture rail.

The massage and electric room is fitted with

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