

### NURSING ECHOES.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 17th, Queen Alexandra paid a visit to Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers at Highgate. Her Majesty, who was accompanied by the Dowager Empress of Russia and Princess Victoria, and attended by Colonel Sir Arthur Davidson, was received at the entrance of the hospital by Mr. Herbert Paterson (Honorary Surgeon in Charge), who with Sister Roberts (in the unavoidable absence of the matron) conducted the Royal visitors round the wards. It was a glorious summer afternoon, and all the patients were out on the verandahs. Her Majesty spent nearly an hour and a half at the hospital, and chatted with all the patients, and also presented Nurse Lilian Hayward with the hospital badge. Miss N. King, who has for the past three years organised the voluntary workers of the hospital, and worked most devotedly, had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty and receiving a badge. Before leaving, Her Majesty graciously permitted the Honorary Surgeon to take a photograph of the Royal party, and expressed the pleasure which it always gave her to visit "her Hospital," and her warm appreciation of the splendid work which had been done in her name during the past four and a half years.

Ever since British troops have been in Russia Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund has been sending games, musical instruments, cigarettes, tobacco, literature, and other comforts for their use. Mrs. W. L. Sclater, the hon. secretary, 18, Pont Street, S.W. 1, has received many letters of thanks from officers and men.

Mr. C. Morland Agnew, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, has offered £25,000 for the purchase of a site for the building and equipment of a new nursing hostel in Cambridge as a token of gratitude for the recovery of Mrs. Agnew after an operation at the present hostel.

The gift has been accepted, and it has been decided to ask each college to contribute towards a guarantee fund of not less than £750 for the first twelve months' expenses of conducting the hostel on the new site.

Preaching on behalf of the hospitals on Sunday last at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, the Rev. and Hon. James Adderley stated that immediately following the Armistice was a great slump in the subscriptions to various charitable works. "No more O.B.E.s," he

said, "no more pictures in the press, and a good thing too." Hospital Sunday in 1919 had not the glamour and romance of the wounded soldiers. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children, perhaps suffering from uninteresting complaints, had to be cared for. No O.B.E.s would be distributed for service on their behalf, but it was in an equal degree a work of love and acceptable to God.

An Irish house-parlourmaid sued her master for a month's wages. The plaintiff said she had left her situation one day before the month was up, as a hospital nurse, who was brought in owing to the illness from fever, had upset her. "She came to me one day," she said, "with some handkerchiefs out of the fever room, and she wanted me to wash them. I said: 'No sister, they are highly infectious. Why don't you send them to the laundry?'" (Laughter.) The nurse was always grumbling. She grumbled about the cooking. She said she was a lady, and she could not take anything that was not properly cooked. She would not eat fish, she would not eat curry, she would not eat anything." (Laughter.)

The judge: "How did it end?" "Well, she was grumbling about the fish one day. She said 'How the devil can I eat this?' and I told her to take the fish and herself to hell. (Loud laughter.) She said 'I will,' and she went to the colonel." (Laughter.)

The defendant reported abusive language, and in spite of the hilarity in court caused by the plaintiff, the judge, evidently against his inclination, did as he was bound to do by law, and gave judgment for the defendant. We can imagine what a "good time" the nurse had under the circumstances!

The Kimberley Hospital Board, not having been permitted to grant a bonus to their nursing staff in recognition of exceptional services rendered by them during the recent influenza epidemic, a public fund was opened, says the *Lancet*, and a sum of £700 raised by the people of Kimberley. This money was distributed on Wednesday, May 7th, among nearly 70 sisters and nurses, the presentation being accompanied by the payment of high tributes to the work of the hospital nurses during the influenza crisis.

A meeting of the Scottish Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors' Association was held in the Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, June 7th, to consider the advisability of amalgamating with the Scottish Health Visitors and Women

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