

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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GARDEN FÊTE AT THE PRINCE OF WALES' GENERAL HOSPITAL, TOTTENHAM.

Gatherings at the Prince of Wales' General Hospital are always looked forward to with much pleasurable anticipation by those privileged to receive an invitation, and the Fête and Sale of Work on behalf of the Samaritan Fund of the Hospital were as delightful as any of their predecessors. Miss Bickerton, the Matron of the Hospital, is an ideal hostess on such occasions, and possesses the enviable gift of making each of her guests feel that he or she is particularly welcome. She is obviously "a good comrade" in the eyes of each member of the Medical and Nursing Staffs, and they quite evidently appreciated the extent to which her co-operation contributed to the success of the afternoon.

Lady Hulton, who was accompanied by Lady Milsom Rees, opened the Fête, and among those present were Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bevan, Councillor Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carson, Major and Mrs. Giles, Dr. and Mrs. Bannister, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Dr. and Mrs. Hayton, Mrs. Crusha, Dr. Murray Leslie and Miss Parsons.

The Nurses' Stall was very attractive, and there were many pieces of beautiful needlework; and next to it was one with lovely lace. The China Stall evidently proved an attraction to many of the guests, and that on which the cakes were displayed gave rise to fresh cause for congratulation that certain war restrictions have disappeared.

A delightful concert was given in the evening, and throughout the afternoon there was plenty of variety in the matter of entertainment. Tea, with strawberries and cream, was much enjoyed, and the music was excellent.

Several of the guests went over the hospital, and the bright, orderly wards, with their tastefully-arranged flowers, were greatly admired.

The Prince of Wales' Hospital has a very fine record of work behind it, and we learn that it is to be very considerably enlarged. A new pavilion is to be erected with wards to accommodate 120 patients, and a new theatre and offices. There are also to be built wards for forty paying patients, an isolation block, new casualty and out-patients wards and a new laundry.

The Sisters' Hospital Aid Association is to hold a Bazaar in October for the Maintenance Fund of the Hospital. Many Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association would, we feel, like to join with their fellow Members who are on the staff of the Prince of Wales' Hospital in working for the bazaar, and any gifts which they may send to the office of the Association will be forwarded to the Hospital.

ETHICS ?

More than once in the course of the past few weeks nurses from large hospitals in London have come to the office asking why we have not sent speakers to those hospitals to put our point of view, in connection with the present controversy, before the nurses, while others who declare that they were taken unawares by the College, have frankly charged us with negligence in not having done so. After the College introduced its Bill into the House of Lords that of the Central Committee being before the House of Commons, the Secretary of the Association was instructed to forward the following letter to the matrons of some thirty of the largest Hospitals.

Royal British Nurses' Association
10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

2nd June, 1919.

MADAM,—As the two Bills for the State Registration of Nurses are now before the Houses of Parliament, I write to enquire whether you will be so kind as to arrange a Meeting at your Hospital for speakers from this Association, to lay before your Nursing Staff our views regarding the two Bills.

I am, Madam,
Yours very truly,
ISABEL MACDONALD, *Secretary.*

To the Matron of—

In many of the Hospitals to which this letter was sent, the College of Nursing Limited had held its meetings, and in most of them strong influence had been brought to bear upon the nurses to induce them to join the College. It is hardly conceivable that, in these modern days, all those hospitals refused to allow their nurses to hear both points of view with the exception of four, or rather, to be more accurate, three; for one of them cordially agreed to have a meeting, an arrangement promptly cancelled on the day on

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