

CLOSING PARTY AT QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS.

The last of many pleasant gatherings took place at Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers, on July 23rd. The guests were received by the chairman (Sir Alfred Mond) and Lady Mond. The programme offered plenty of variety in the way of entertainment, and the music was supplied by the string band of H.M. 1st Life Guards. At the concert, which commenced at 9 p.m., Miss Glover's and Mr. Stannard's songs gave evident enjoyment, and much mirth was aroused by Mr. Todd's lightning sketches of various hospital celebrities.

The event of the evening was the presentation of an address to the chairman of the hospital, and, in an eloquent speech, Mr. Herbert Paterson, Hon. Surgeon of the Hospital, conveyed to him an expression of the feelings of gratitude of the patients and staff for his goodness in maintaining the splendidly equipped hospital which had proved of such value. Mr. Paterson read also a long letter from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, thanking the chairman, medical, and nursing staffs, for the great work which had been accomplished by the hospital throughout the years of war. Addresses followed from General Bigge, C.B., the Rev. Father Thornton, D.S.O., and Major Anderson, all of whom spoke of the deep gratitude of the officers and their friends to the Hon. Surgeon for his magnificent and patriotic work, and for the kindness they had met with from Miss Sinziniex, the matron, and her staff.

Dancing went on in the Princess Victoria Ward until the early hours of the morning, when the "Closing Party" of the hospital broke up with many lingering regrets that so many happy associations in work and service were fast drawing to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Paterson have been presented by the patients of the hospital with a magnificent oak dining table, over 200 years old, as a memento of the Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers, and to Miss Sinziniex have been given a beautiful set of furs.

THE VICOMTESSE DE LA PANOUSE A DAME OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The King has conferred on the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, President of the British Committee of the French Red Cross, the Second Class (D.B.E.) of the Order of the British Empire.

Throughout the war she has been engaged in the Red Cross work of France, Britain, and the Allies, and was the very kind President of the French Flag Nursing Corps.

Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association and of the Affiliated Societies of Nurses are invited to tea at 10, Orchard Street, on Saturday, August 2nd, 3 to 6 p.m.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The following letter has been received from Major Barnett, M.P., in reply to a letter conveying to him the vote of thanks for his great services to the cause of Nurses' Registration passed at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses on July 17th:—

Park Lodge,
Park Village West, N.W. 1.
July 24th, 1919.

DEAR MISS BREAY,—Will you please convey to the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses my sincere thanks for the Resolution which they were good enough to pass at their annual meeting on the 17th inst.

It has been a pleasure to me to do all in my power to advance the cause of State Registration, and, although its complete success has been postponed by the factious opposition of the College of Nursing, Ltd., I am confident that in the near future we shall see the triumph of the principle for which the Central Committee has worked so long and so faithfully.

Yours very truly,
R. W. BARNETT.

Whenever "The Day" arrives, the pioneer registrationists will realise that they owe a debt of gratitude to Major Barnett for his disinterested support of their cause.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NURSES.

We hope next week to discuss the very valuable Report issued by the Special Committee of the National Council of Women, on the Economic Position of Nurses, and in justice to the Committee publish in full the section which deals with the withdrawal of the representatives of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

The unfortunate absence of the delegates of the College of Nursing, whose advice could not have failed to be of value to the Committee, must be alluded to, because, in the opinion of the Committee, such absence is indicative of an attitude of mind of the Council of the College which is a grave danger to the well-being of Nurses.

The Conference as originally called by the National Council of Women was for the purpose of investigating the hours of Nurses undergoing

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