

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is reported at Brighton that Princess Mary will visit the town next month to open the new home for nurses at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has kindly consented to open (on the first day), a Grand Bazaar and Pound Day, in aid of the Great Northern Hospital, which will be held in the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway Road, on Thursday and Friday, December 1st and 2nd.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught opened the extensions to the Forest Hospital, Buckhurst Hill, on Monday, October 24th. An X-ray room, new nurses' quarters, three private wards, and an extension to the women's ward have been added.

Mrs. Paterson, of 7A, Manchester Square, W., is giving a concert in the Great Hall, St. Bartholomew's Hospital in support of the hospital on November 17th, at 8.30 p.m. Nikitina (the Russian prima donna) has the arrangements in hand, so the music should be of a high standard. Tickets cost one guinea, 10s. 6d., and 6s.

Lambeth Board of Guardians have sanctioned the purchase of a new skeleton and half a set of bones for the instruction of the nurses at their infirmary at a cost of £6.

At the Western District Conference of Branches of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases held in Bristol last week, one of the main points of discussion was the difficulty referred to by the Medical Officers of Health present of securing the attendance of patients suffering from venereal disease at treatment centres until non-infective.

At this Conference a growing desire on the part of those responsible for the public health of the district was shown for some form of public health administration which would secure the continuous treatment of infective persons. From 40 to 60 per cent. of cases are said to discontinue treatment while still infective.

### PRESENTATION.

Before her departure from the Victoria Hospital, Guernsey, after four-and-a-half years' residence, Miss Forsdick, the Matron, was presented with a handbag containing "Bradburys" to the value of £55 10s. In making the presentation, Dr. E. L. Robinson, who presided at the ceremony, said that, in wishing Miss Forsdick good-bye, they wished to express their great admiration for her work and all she had done in Guernsey. Others present also said kind things, and Miss Forsdick expressed thanks.

### DEPUTATION FROM THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND TO THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

#### NURSES TRAINED IN INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS AND THE GENERAL REGISTER.

On October 19th, the Secretary for Scotland, the Rt. Hon. Robert Munro, K.C., M.P., received, at the Scottish Office, Dover House, Whitehall, London, a deputation from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, on the burning question of the enrolment of nurses trained only in the nursing of infectious cases on the general part of the Register of the Council. On September 15th, the Secretary for Scotland received a deputation in Edinburgh of representatives of Scottish Local Authorities, who strongly urged upon him the necessity for such enrolment. The deputation on October 19th was in answer to the representations of the Local Authorities. The deputation strongly opposed any departure from the existing Rules of the Council, which provide for the establishment of a Supplementary Part of the Register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., LL.D., Medical Superintendent of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, introduced the deputation, the other members of which were Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Miss M. M. White, Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses Edinburgh; and Mr. Farmer, Secretary of the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

#### THE CASE PRESENTED.

Col. Mackintosh, in opening the case of the nurses, referred to the great loss the Nursing Council had sustained by the recent death of Capt. C. B. Balfour, their Chairman. He briefly reviewed the history of the movement for the registration of nurses, and pointed out that if the proposal made by the Local Authorities were adopted, general trained nurses in Scotland would decline to be enrolled in the Scottish register, and would register in England, in which case they would be in a worse position than they would be if the Bill of 1908—which proposed a General Council for the whole of the United Kingdom—had become law. The most important point in the minds of the Scottish nurses was that of reciprocity. That was to say that if they were enrolled on the Scottish register and went to work in England they would be put automatically on the English Council's register. What was suggested was that the position of the Scottish nurses should be in no way inferior to that of those trained in England.

#### RECIPROCITY ESSENTIAL.

Unless there was reciprocity not only between Scotland and England, but between Scotland and other countries, Scottish nurses would be placed at

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