

NURSING ECHOES.

Queen Alexandra, accompanied by Princess Victoria, opened the Nurses' Bazaar at the London Hospital on July 6th. She was received by Lord Knutsford, and Miss Monk, the matron, and had an enthusiastic reception by the nurses and patients. The fête was a great success. Queen Mary's Doll's House sold for 150 guineas to Gamages of Holborn, and is on view at their shop for the benefit of the hospital funds. Queen Alexandra made many purchases, and the nurses hope to net £5,000.

Mrs. Lloyd George opened the annual sale of work and garden fête organised by the Sister Matron and Medical and Nursing Staff of King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, assisted by the Ladies' Association, which is being held in the grounds and buildings of the hospital July 13 and 14. The Mayoress of Camberwell performed the opening ceremony on the second day.

It is quite wonderful what the nursing staffs of hospitals are doing to maintain the voluntary system of management.

We have received a copy of the Regulations for Admission to the Territorial Force Nursing Service dated May, 1921. We much regret to observe that daughters of "naturalised British subjects" are eligible as candidates for this military service. Naturalisation does not change the psychology of human beings—or endow them with British instincts and sympathies. The least the British taxpayer may expect after recent experiences is that the Naval and Military Nursing Services should be reserved for British nurses, but, as usual, it is evidently too much to expect War Office pundits to take a lesson to heart.

The correspondence continues in the *Poor Law Officers' Journal* on the registration of male nurses. Mr. Falkingham, Head Male Nurse of the Milton Infirmary, Portsmouth, appears to think that male nurses "are cut out of the Register." This, of course, is not so, as special provision is made for male nurses to be placed on the Male Nurses' Register and on the Mental Nurses' Register. Male nurses are not eligible for the general part of the Register, because they will not be able to comply with the Syllabus drawn up for the education of female nurses. The question of representation of male nurses on the elected

Council should be provided for in drafting its prescribed scheme. Mr. Christian, the male mental nurse who was appointed on to the existing Council, has helped his colleagues in many instances with his straightforward criticism and sound judgment. Looking back, however, on the 30 years' monumental fight for registration, the male nurses apparently did not take the slightest interest in the question, and the Asylum Worker's Association failed to associate itself with other groups of nurses in their demand for legal status or to contribute a penny towards that long-drawn out and costly campaign. All the same, male nurses are exceedingly useful to the community, and they must now wake up and help to build up the highly skilled nursing profession of the future.

The other day there unexpectedly descended from the clouds, at 431, Oxford Street, W., a guest whom we were delighted to welcome, Mrs. Breckinridge, of the Comité Americain pour les Régions Dévastées de la France. Really and truly from the clouds, for she came over in a Messageries "plane," which carried only three passengers, all intent on speed—busy Mrs. Breckinridge to attend the English-speaking Conference on Infant Welfare, a jockey to fulfil an engagement, and a tailor bringing in hot haste a robe for an Eastern Prince to wear at an important function. It was a hot day, and the little machine was run on castor oil!

Mrs. Breckinridge intended to return by train, but on inquiry she found that she would not arrive in Paris till 5.30 p.m., whereas if she went by air she would leave London at 10 o'clock and arrive in time for lunch, and have the whole afternoon for work. Can you doubt what her decision was? Not if you know the way our American friends just love to hustle.

Prince Arthur of Connaught recently presided at a meeting of the General Council of the King Edward VII Order of Nurses held at Cape Town, and Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur was also present.

In moving the adoption of the report for 1920 His Royal Highness congratulated the Order (of which he is President) on the excellent work done since its inauguration, and particularly during the past 12 months. It was very gratifying, he said, to record that six new stations had been opened. This showed that the Order was devoting its attention to outback stations and bringing relief into those

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