

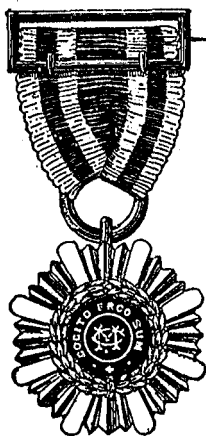
training school under the Central Midwives Board, has an Ante-Natal Clinic, by means of which, as all nurses and midwives know, many an untoward accident during labour is averted. A number of convalescent patients were in the garden, and it was evident that the lot had fallen for them in pleasant places. It was difficult to tear oneself away from the beautiful babes!

THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF NURSES.

It will be gathered from this short report that the North Middlesex Hospital is well-equipped to prepare probationers for the State Examination, to be conducted by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and that well-educated women need have no fear in entering this fine institution for training, that the Nursing Syllabus laid down by the Council will not be complied with. Indeed, we took the opportunity of conversing and discussing the Syllabus with many Matrons of Poor-Law Infirmaries who were present, and in many instances found them fully prepared and anxious to carry out the Syllabus, which we have no doubt their Boards of Guardians will help them to do. For far too long nurses trained in Poor-Law Infirmaries have suffered depreciation of professional status from their association with the Poor-Law, and now that all these fine institutions are assuming more and more the status of general hospitals the State examination and certificate will be an effective lever in providing just recognition for the skill and knowledge of their pupils.

Space prevents further reference to the beauty of the grounds and gardens surrounding the North Middlesex Hospital, especially that lovely bower of roses, which is the Matron's special pride.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.



The quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council on July 30th will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., at 3 p.m., and after the routine business Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, will speak on the "Rules," which it is hoped will be in force by that date. Every nurse who makes application to be placed on the State Register should carefully study and understand the Rules framed by

the Council under the Nurses' Registration Act. It is thought it will be a help to many nurses if these Rules are interpreted for them by a member of the Council who has helped to draft them, and can explain the reasons for so doing. Now we are a legally-constituted profession, do let us cease to behave like sheep!

A HOSPITAL PARTY IN A ROYAL GARDEN.

To celebrate the Jubilee of the opening of St. Thomas's Hospital on its present beautiful site a Garden Party was held, in aid of the funds, on July 7th, in the garden of St. James's Palace, graciously lent by H.M. the King. It was a lovely day for such a function, which was graced by the presence of the Queen, who was received by the President of the hospital, the Duke of Connaught, the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley (Chairman), and the Matron, Miss Lloyd Still. Princess Christian and Princesses Helena Victoria and Marie Louise were also present, and formed a happy family party seated opposite the garden terrace, which formed a charming stage, backed by a herbaceous border full of lovely flowers. Here a succession of entertainments took place, the most delightful, in our opinion, being given by the choir of Nightingale Nurses, who sang glees most harmoniously, and the dancing of the pupils of Miss Vacani—nine cherubic bare-footed little maidens, in short, gauzy pink garments and flower girdles—who charmed everyone with their happy grace. The Queen made friends with these little fairies, and pictures of Her Majesty surrounded by these lovely children appeared in the press next day. The Queen also greeted the group of "Nightingales," who sang so sweetly—all looking so cool and fresh in their dainty mauve gowns and simple quilled net caps, designed by Florence Nightingale sixty years ago, worn now at a less nun-like angle, but still with becoming sobriety. In the Centre Room of the Palace there was an exhibition of the Old Charter of St. Thomas's Hospital, a letter written in the beautiful Victorian handwriting of Florence Nightingale, old books, and pictures, and many interesting things belonging to the hospital.

The tea tables, decorated in pink and white, with cakes to match, were set out most invitingly under the trees, and ices and iced drinks were in great demand.

The Party was well attended, and it is to be hoped the hospital will benefit financially, as its annual expenditure has leaped up from £76,174 in 1913 to £171,983 in 1920.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales, as President of Guy's Hospital, will unveil the war memorial and open the new massage building on Friday, July 15th, at 3 o'clock.

Sometimes one wonders was there ever a war—evidence of its horrors seem so long past; and then one meets a stray "boy in blue," and conscience pricks for having forgotten that the aftermath of suffering is still with us. Also we ought to remember with gratitude those who spent years of their lives in ministering to the sick and wounded,

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