

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen paid a visit on Tuesday to the New Building of Queen Mary's Maternity Home at Hampstead.

The International Course of Training for Public Health Nurses (Class 1921-1922), held at Bedford College for Women, University of London, and organised by the League of Red Cross Societies, has just concluded, and on Thursday, July 6th, H.R.H. Princess Christian is presenting certificates to the Graduating Class at Bedford College, Regent's Park. The Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies has issued invitations for this interesting occasion, when the programme will be as follows:—

Opening Address.—Sir Arthur Stanley, Member of Board of Governors, League of Red Cross Societies.

Presentation of Students to Her Royal Highness by Miss Margaret J. Tuke, Principal, Bedford College for Women.

Presentation of Certificates to International Students.—Her Royal Highness Princess Christian.

Address.—"The Rôle of the Public Health Nurse in the Public Health Programme." Professor Selscar M. Gunn, Director of European Activities, Rockefeller Foundation.

Vote of thanks to H.R.H. Princess Christian.—Sir Claude Hill, Director-General, League of Red Cross Societies.

The Graduating Class are Misses Marianne Danko (Austria), Boiana Christova (Bulgaria), Nora Moore (Canada), Marie Anzenbacherova (Czecho-Slovakia), Anna Erma (Esthonia), Venny Snellman (Finland), Margaret James (Great Britain), Gizil de Hodossy (Hungary), Masayo Tabuchi (Japan), Elsa Grivan (Latvia), Elisabeth Anna Deuchler (Mexico), and Edith Webster (New Zealand).

The professional and social intercourse between the nurses of these countries made possible by these courses must be fruitful in good result, and the fact that so many students are ready to spend a year in a foreign country, to study in a foreign language, is proof of the sincerity of their desire to equip themselves thoroughly for their chosen profession, as well as of their linguistic abilities.

On the 27th ult. the need of a nurses' home in connection with the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, was brought before the public with em-

phasis, when crowds assembled at a huge bazaar in aid of the building fund of the new home, which has been under consideration for so long.

The bazaar was opened by Lady Maureen Stanley, who said the new Home was a most worthy object, and concluded by thanking the Matron, Miss Cummins, and the nurses for organising it.

The Lord Mayor said the Royal Infirmary trained splendid nurses, who were able to give loving care and skilled attention to those stricken by illness. It was really the matron and the nurses who were making this call for a new Nurses' Home, and the public of Liverpool must respond to it.

Mr. H. Wade Deacon, Chairman of the Infirmary Committee, said it was only right that the nurses of the Royal Infirmary should be properly housed. He was hopeful they would raise £50,000 through the bazaar, as the completed scheme would cost £100,000.

The Matron (Miss Cummins) referred to the present Nurses' Home in Ashton Street as "a horrible hovel," adding that it was a disgrace that nurses should be compelled to live in such a place. Her object in suggesting the bazaar was, firstly, to stimulate the committee as a whole; secondly, to stimulate the spirit of *esprit de corps* in the Royal Infirmary, of which they were all so proud; and, thirdly, to stimulate the spirit of the public outside the institution. Miss Cummins felt she had attained the first two objects, and she was hopeful that she would be equally successful regarding the third. She pointed to the example of self-sacrifice set by many poor patients in contributing towards the building fund.

The goods for sale included fruit, flowers, farm produce of the first freshness, which were quickly disposed of by Sister Glover and Sister Stuart-Park; soaps, scents, and smokes were sold by Sister Edmondson and Sister Oliver; and babies' and children's clothes by Sister Casey and Sister Geden. The collection of toys was exceptionally good, including a miniature bedstead with all furnishings complete even to the white satin eiderdown, which was the work of the porter of the Infirmary and his wife. Dainty lingerie baskets, pottery and china, cakes and sweets, found ready purchasers, and there was a steady flow of customers for tea and ices.

The side-shows and Fun of the Fair were under the direction of the resident medical officers, assisted by medical students of the Liverpool University.

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