

NURSING ECHOES.

The gathering of Territorial Nurses at the Mansion House on Wednesday evening, July 12th, on the invitation of the Lady Mayoress, Chairman of the City and County of London Territorial Army Nursing Service Committee, was a very gay and enjoyable affair. The stately rooms, the brilliant lights, the cordiality of the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, the beautiful music of the Marguerite Wortham Orchestra, the happiness of meeting old friends, the interest of the historical gold plate displayed, notably the beautiful sword presented by Queen Elizabeth to the Lord Mayor of her day, and handsome loving-cups, all combined to make the evening one to be remembered in the annals of the Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Among those present were:—

Lieut.-General Sir Noel Birch, Director-General Territorial Army, and Lady Birch; Colonel Sir Robert Sanders, Under-Secretary of State for War; Lady and Miss Sanders; Sir Herbert Creedy, secretary, War Office, and Lady Creedy; Miss Haldane, vice-chairman, Territorial Army Nursing Committee; the Dowager Lady Dimsdale, vice-chairman of the City and County of London Territorial Army Nursing Service Committee; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Mrs. H. L. Pearse, Members of the Committee; Captain Mansbridge, secretary, County of London Territorial Army Association, and Mrs. Mansbridge; Sir John and Lady Bradford, Sir D'Arcy and Lady Power, the Dean of St. Paul's and Mrs. Inge, Lady Strong, Colonel and Mrs. Percy Evans, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Bray, Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Lyon, Dame Maud McCarthy, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service; Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Finch, Miss Cockrell, and Miss Hogg, principal matrons of the London General Hospitals; and the following hospital matrons:—Miss Mackintosh, St. Bartholomew's; Miss Lloyd Still, St. Thomas's; Miss Montgomery, Middlesex; Miss Tisdale, Great Ormond Street; Miss Smales, Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea; Miss Innes, General Infirmary, Leeds; Miss Baillie, Royal Infirmary, Bristol; Miss Merriman, Suffolk and Ipswich County Hospital; and Miss Palin, Ministry of Pensions.

In the course of the evening Sir Noel Birch, on behalf of the Territorial Nurses present, warmly thanked the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress for their hospitality, and, in reply, the Lord Mayor said that it gave both him and the Lady Mayoress great pleasure to see the Territorial Nurses at the Mansion House; they knew well what good work many of them had done during the war. He hoped they would enjoy the evening, in meeting many of their friends.

The Lady Mayoress then added a few words, saying that she was particularly pleased to welcome the Territorial Nurses at the Mansion House. She knew and worked with many of them at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and also she was herself a member of the Territorial Army Nursing Service from the start, but when she married, ten years ago, she resigned, because she knew that in the event of war she would not be able to leave her husband to take up work at No. 1 (City of London) General Hospital. During the war she was unable to do any nursing, but devoted her time to organising and working a War Hospital Supply Depôt to help many War Hospitals. Lady Baddelley also said how pleased she was to see the Territorial Nurses there in such good numbers.

Tea, coffee, and other good things were served at small tables, as is the happy fashion of the Mansion House under its present chate-laine, and one had opportunity to note the picturesqueness and neatness of both Territorial and civil uniforms. Dame Maud McCarthy must have been proud of her flock. We hope that one day the uniform of the Registered Nurse will also be seen *en masse*, and will create as pleasing an impression.

“The Nurse in Peace and War,” by Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., will be published by Mr. John Murray. Miss Haldane, who is a sister of the Minister of War—Viscount Haldane—to whom we owe the inauguration of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, is vice-chairman of the Committee, so has come into close touch with professional nurses.

Miss Haldane has also been a very active member of the Red Cross Movement. We hope professional and voluntary nursing will be in no way confused, as the Nurses' Registration Acts have come into force since the Armistice, and for the future there will be a distinct line of demarcation between the “registered” and amateur military nurse, for lack of which great injustice resulted in many instances to the former class during the late war.

Miss Harriet Leete writes in the *American Journal of Nursing*: “Positive health may be defined as meaning a body free from any handicaps, physical or mental, with a resistance which enables it to withstand environmental attacks to reduce its power, a vigour which radiates strength and happiness, and, back of it all, a spiritual tone which is the keynote of an inspiring personality.”

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