

### NURSING ECHOES.

Many nurses are amongst the recipients of invitations from Major Barnett, M.P., and Mr. J. W. W. Hopkins, M.P., to a Reception, Dance, and Whist Party, at which they are to entertain the Officers and Committees of the South-East and South-West St. Pancras Conservative and Unionist Organisations, at the Public Hall, Prince of Wales Road, N.W., on February 9th. Prizes will be awarded for the most original fancy costumes and for Whist. The Spirit of Nursing, the Science of Nursing, State Registration, and "Sairey Gamp" should all put in an appearance, out of compliment to Major Barnett, the Champion of Legal Status for the Nursing Profession, without whose generosity in giving the Nurses' Registration Bill the place won by him in the Ballot in 1919, we should still be outside the professional pale.

In connection with the effort to pay off the debt of £800 on the funds of the Cathedral Nursing Society for the Sick Poor, Newcastle, a series of concerts is being arranged by the Daffodil Concert Party, assisted by the Misses Elsie Newton and Laura Callard, and Messrs. G. Hutchinson and J. Walton. Tickets, 1s. 6d. and 1s. each may be had from Miss Pybus, 21, Victoria Square, Jesmond.

Queen's Nurses at Brighton have, as usual, given their bounteous tea and entertainment to past and present patients, 140 of whom were present in St. Martin's Hall, Queen's Road. This annual treat is immensely enjoyed, and Miss Godden and her assistants, Miss Butler and Miss Klamborowski, with other Queen's Nurses, had a busy time seeing the wants of the guests were supplied, but they accomplished an exacting task with entire success. Mrs. Cooper Rawson made a sympathetic little speech from the platform, in which she wished the guests health and happiness during the year, and voiced their appreciation of the kindness of the Queen's Nurses, whose vocation, she added, was the highest and noblest any woman could be called to. She called for three cheers for the nurses, which were lustily given.

About this time of year we receive numerous annual reports of hospitals and institutions. We always give a glance through to see what nice things have been said of the Nursing Department and the nurses, as recognition of faithful service is very encouraging. Often

this all-important Department is not referred to at all, and we feel sure there is a screw loose somewhere! On the other hand, in some reports we find generous recognition of nursing service.

For instance, in the one hundred and forty-sixth report issued by the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, we note under heading "Staff Complimented":—

"It is again the pleasurable duty of the directors to tender sincere thanks to the medical staff for the valuable work which they have done for the Infirmary in the course of the year, and also to acknowledge gratefully the services of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Crichton. The thanks of the directors are also due to the other members of the staff for their untiring efforts in furthering the good work of the Infirmary.

"Apart altogether from the discharge of their duties, Miss Crichton and her staff have earned the most sincere thanks of the directors for the exceptional effort which they made during the year for the good of the Infirmary. Better than anyone else could, Miss Crichton and her staff realised how sorely in need of renewal were the beds and some other equipment in the wards, and they set themselves not only to organise a sale of work but to provide the work for the sale, and the zeal with which they worked may be gauged from the fact that the result of their efforts enabled them to supply the Infirmary with 53 new bedsteads, 45 bed tables, 24 bed rests, 87 ward lockers, two ward dressing trolleys, a large ward table, and a quantity of other useful equipment. The patients are now enjoying comforts which, but for the generous action of the Lady Superintendent and the staff, they would not have experienced.

"The usual course of lectures has been given to nurses during the year, and in the competitive examinations Nurse Livingston attained highest place and was awarded the gold medal. A prize was also awarded to Nurse Martin, who was second in order of merit. Seven nurses received certificates on completing their course of training."

We also congratulate Miss Crichton and the nursing staff on the wonderful result of their devotion to the comfort of the patients at Dumfries Royal Infirmary, and the Directors on their kindly recognition of the same.

At the annual meeting of the Bradford District Nursing Association, which was held in the City Council Chamber last week, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Thomas Sowden) presiding,

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