

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen inspected the Scottish nurses of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses at Holyrood Palace on the afternoon of July 11th. The inspection took place on the north lawn, about 330 nurses being present, and a very fine body of women they appeared; so beautifully neat and simple, their skilled work evidently of the greatest possible value to the community. They had come from all parts of Scotland, some from as far as Orkney, the Hebrides, Ross-shire, and Inverness-shire, and were drawn up to form three sides of a square, their blue uniforms making a striking contrast in the brilliant sunshine to the gaily-hued dresses of the garden-party guests, who streamed past. Her Majesty, accompanied by the Duchess of York and members of the suite, walked right along the line of nurses, speaking to many of those wearing medals, asking where they worked, and congratulating them on their long service. Long-service badges were thereafter presented by the Queen to the following nurses:—Miss M. M. White, General Superintendent for Scotland; Miss E. A. Garden, Superintendent of the Clydebank Nursing Association; Miss J. Allan, Aberdeen; Miss I. Austin, Bearsden; Miss J. R. Baird, Health Visitor, Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; Miss H. Beekie, Colinton; Miss L. Bennet, Abercorn; Miss S. Buchanan, Clydebank; Miss M. J. Chappelow, Glasgow; Miss S. E. Clarke, Largs; Miss R. G. Law, Berwick-on-Tweed; Miss E. M'Calman, Perth; Miss C. M. Macdonald, Aberdeen; Miss E. Macpherson, Falkirk; Miss T. D. Purvis, Cockpen and Lasswade; Miss M. A. C. Smith, Liberton and Gilmerton; and Miss M. Wallace, Glasgow.

The Countess of Mar and Kellie, chairman of the Council, thanked Her Majesty for having received the Queen's Nurses at Holyrood, and for having so graciously inspected them. Her Majesty, in replying, said it had given her great pleasure to see the Queen's Nurses, as she knew and appreciated the great work which they did throughout Scotland. Her Majesty very graciously invited all the Queen's Nurses present to attend the garden party.

When we think that these highly trained, skilled and devoted women—many of them have come forward to establish the State Register in Scotland—owing to the elimination of "training" as necessary for registration, will now be classed with untrained

persons, it makes one wonder what would happen to the sick poor if our invaluable Queen's Nurses left them to the tender mercies of the ignorant and interested persons who, refusing to make themselves efficient, are greedily pushing forward to nurse the rich for gain. We fear this dangerous competition will discourage hundreds of the type of women we need from entering hospitals for training.

Her Royal Highness Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles received a most enthusiastic welcome when she visited the Whipp's Cross Hospital at Leytonstone to distribute the medals and certificates to nurses who have undergone three years' instruction in the nurse-training school.

Her Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Viscount Lascelles, K.G., D.S.O., and attended by Miss Dorothy Yorke, was received by the Chairman of the West Ham Board of Guardians, Mr. S. Bulling; among those presented to Her Royal Highness were the Medical Superintendent, Dr. J. C. Muir, and the Matron, Miss Letitia S. Clark, S.R.N., who at once conducted the visitors to "Babyland"—two children's wards.

The Chairman, in inviting the Princess to present the medals and certificates, said that everyone who left that school carried with her the determination to live and work in a way that would be a credit to the training school where she had spent so many happy years in work and study.

Her Royal Highness then presented the medals and prizes to the following recipients:—Agneta Irene Webster (gold medal), Norah Handley (silver medal), Doris Vivian Gray (bronze medal). Certificates: Margaret Anne Caddy, Mary Bennett, Irene Maud Shipman, Christina Emily Bateman, Elizabeth Clarke Anderson, Elsie Mary Pearce, Florence Amy Austin, Emma Lottie Short, Alison Potter Maxwell, Margaret Loder Walden, Doris May Hodgson, Madeline Rosa Hills, Charlotte Temple, Daisy Winifred Trewin, Hannah Ada Hobbs, Marie Stuart Macpherson, Alice Dorothy Buchanan, Victoria Louise James, Ivy Annie Gertrude Appleton, Mary Angus, Winifred Douge, Pauline Alice Gertrude Allt, Winifred Mary Frost, Ethel Josephine Fulcher.

Mr. G. A. Paul, Father of the Board, moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Princess, and Viscount Lascelles, responding on her behalf, said he had been asked by Princess Mary to say that she devoutly hoped that every nurse who had received a certificate that day would rise to the very top of her profession.

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