

to help them in this matter, and found that last year £60 was granted to help nurses with their travelling expenses. He hoped that this fund would be gradually increased, and that it would become of greater use and benefit to a hard-worked section of the community who gave up their time to nursing, and who, until recent years, had been insufficiently paid. In conclusion, Mr. Cobbold mentioned that the Hospital was losing a valued servant in Sister Collet, who was leaving the institution after 25 years' service.

There was a time when one might wade through columns of hospital reports and never see the nurses mentioned. Now our work is recognised as indispensable, and rightly so.

Brighton and Hove recently held a Flag Day for Queen's Nurses, and the day's efforts resulted in the grand total of £468. 6s. 6d., a very satisfactory result when one realises the many calls on the public. Queen's Nurses last year paid 81,127 visits to the sick poor, in their own homes, in Brighton and Hove. Visitors sometimes resent being asked for contributions at seaside places, but they forget that the standard of health in holiday towns is maintained by efficient sanitary, and intelligent nursing supervision.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Miss Breay and Miss Pearse arrived safely at Copenhagen after a terrible tossing in the North Sea. Miss Reimann met them at the station and they spent an interesting time at the Bispebjerg Hospital, where they were entertained by Miss Munck to dinner to meet other national representatives. The table was decorated with the flags of Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, and the United States of America, on little flagstaves with silver ends. Pink roses composed the floral decoration.

The first Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses was held on Sunday morning.

The Nursing Conference opened on Monday morning at the Kommune Hospital, and extended over Tuesday and Wednesday, social functions enlivening the leisure hours. Copenhagen is a lovely city, and the Trained Nurses of Denmark are splendidly organised on a thoroughly self-governing basis; their position is therefore dignified and secure, and commands the respect and confidence of the community.

ROYAL VISIT TO LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.

NURSES' RED LETTER DAY.

Tuesday, July 24th, was another red-letter day in the annals of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary Nursing Staff, for on that day Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York visited the hospital to lay the Corner Stone of the long-looked-forward-to, and very much needed, new Nurses' Home.

Their Royal Highnesses arrived at the Hospital at about 2.30 p.m., and in the Main Entrance Hall the President (T. H. Bickerton, Esq., Ch.M.) presented to them various members of the Committee, Honorary Medical Staff, the Secretary, and Matron (Miss E. M. Cummins, R.R.C.), who handed to the Duchess, on behalf of the Nursing Staff, a very delightful early-Victorian posy, the colours of which blended perfectly with her dress of beige brocaded marocain.

A Guard of Honour of Sisters and Nurses lined the corridors to the spacious Out-patients' Department, where the larger part of the programme was carried through. The platform, decorated with Dorothy Perkins rambler roses, and bay trees, and the green-and-white glazed tiles of what is probably the finest Out-patients' Hall of the day, together with the judicious addition of bunting, combined to present a most pleasing spectacle. Here again, the fact that it was "Nurses' Day" was emphasised by their presence all around the Hall.

The Lord Mayor welcomed Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of the citizens of Liverpool, and the President addressed the assembly, pointing out the need of a new Nurses' Home.

The Duchess then received purses on behalf of the Building Fund, and the total amount contained in these was £2,040. The purses were of uniform size and design, artistically worked out in parma coloured suède, with the initial letter "A" (Albert) in gold on the one side, and the badge of the Infirmary in gold on the other side, and they were afterwards returned to the donors as souvenirs of the occasion. In all, 52 purses were presented, and included one from the "Old Royalties," one from the "Royal Infirmary Nurses," presented by Nurse Gwynne, and containing £40, and one from the "Royal Infirmary Sisters" (£58 11s. 3d.), presented by Sister Garner, A.R.R.C.

As a personal memento the Duchess graciously accepted from Sister Garner, on behalf of the Nursing Staff, a purse similar to those already handed in, with the exception that the gold letter "E" (Elizabeth) was substituted for "A."

It is pleasing to record the ready willingness and enthusiasm of old patients to contribute to the purses collected by the Sisters and Nurses.

After a vote of thanks had been passed, on the proposition of the Treasurer, seconded by the Chairman of the General Committee, in which the former called attention to the success of the Nurses' Bazaar held a year ago, which resulted in £3,000 being

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