

NURSING ECHOES.

Princess Mary, accompanied by Viscount Lascelles, visited Glasgow on Tuesday, to open the extension of the Municipal Buildings, and received the freedom of the City. Her Royal Highness also visited the Royal Maternity Hospital and Women's Hospital in Rotten Row and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Yorkhill. At the former the tour of inspection of the institution was made under the guidance of the Matron and Professor Murdoch Cameron, who showed to the Princess several difficult operation cases.

A luncheon followed, when the city's youngest burghess was entertained by the City of Glasgow.

Replying on behalf of Princess Mary to the principal toast, Viscount Lascelles said:—"There is a subject which my wife is very anxious should not be omitted from the few remarks which I address to you. Amidst all the joy and good will which has been indicated by your generous welcome to the Princess, she does not forget that in some parts of Glasgow and the district there are people experiencing a trying time of poverty and distress, chiefly due to depression of trade and consequent unemployment. With these sufferers she truly sympathises, trusting that it is but a passing cloud, soon to be lifted, and that light and gladness will again shine into their hearts and homes."

Every trained nurse will sincerely echo this wish.

The Nursing Staff of St. James's Hospital, Balham, held a most successful Garden Fête and Sale of Work on August 1st in aid of their Memorial Fund and the founding of the Nurses' Sports Club. The weather was very kind and the Fête—which was opened by Central Wandsworth's M.P., Colonel Sir John Norton-Griffiths—went with a swing from start to finish, and realised the splendid sum of £134.

The Ecclesall Bierley Guardians have consented to the request from the Derby Board to train four of their probationers in surgical work. The Vice-Chairman of the Ecclesall Hospital said it was a great compliment and was a tribute to the high reputation which it bore as a training school for nurses.

The Board of Visitors of the Cambridge-shire Mental Hospital, at a recent meeting at Fulbourn, received and granted the applica-

tion of the staff, backed by a deputation from the local branch of the National Asylum Workers' Union, for full pay for the first three months of illness, and half-pay for the next three months.

The Board is experiencing difficulties in filling vacancies on the nursing staff, and the Medical Superintendent reported nine vacancies on the female staff, and that though extensive advertisement had been made, no applications had been received.

Speaking at a meeting of the Ceres District Nursing Association, where Nurse Farquhar is nurse, Lady Nairn said she was very glad to help in any nursing movement. She hoped that soon Fife would have a nursing service second to none, and that there would not be a home in Fife, rich or poor, which could not hail a trained nurse within its doors when emergency arose. She congratulated the people of Ceres in having a Queen's Nurse. Personally she was always in favour of having the very best nurse, the most efficient and best-trained they could get. She knew some people thought a less highly trained nurse was more suited to the people's needs, but she thought where money could be found for a Queen's Nurse the difference would be worth paying for. When Florence Nightingale sixty years ago recruited her band of women and went out to the Crimea and did most menial work under the most appalling conditions that no modern nurse trained in their hospitals could conceive, she was really laying the foundation of their nursing system. Since then it had developed, until to-day they had in the Queen's Nurses a most efficient and ideal service of nursing throughout the country.

The nurses of the beautiful city of Christiania are keeping high festival this week, for the second Triennial Congress of the "Co-operation of Nurses in the North" is being held there, and some 1,000 nurses in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland are meeting to consider their professional affairs, and to enjoy social intercourse, besides invited guests. This year also the Nurses' Association of Iceland is to be admitted to membership of the Co-operation. The arrangements are in the capable hands of Sister Bergliot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Council of Trained Nurses, with Miss Lulli Lous as Hon. Treasurer. Following the tradition of the International Council of Nurses, which inspired the formation of the Co-operation of Nurses of the North, though it is a distinct organisation,

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