

### NURSING ECHOES.

There was a very large gathering of members and friends at the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, when the President, the Marchioness of Ailsa presided, and made the following welcome announcement, which was received with loud applause:—

"I have a new announcement to make to-day which makes another Red Letter day in the history of the Club. In response to my request Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to consent to be Patroness of the Club. That the Queen should have been so gracious as to bestow upon the Club this signal honour fills us with pride and gratitude; but there is more—something closer to our hearts—in that she has been to this Nation as the Mother of her people, one who, not only in her superb courage in the dangers and anxieties of the war, but even more in her devotion to duty in the common things of daily life, is a shining example of true womanhood."

We offer our colleagues of the Scottish Nurses' Club our warm congratulations on this signal honour.

A very satisfactory Report was presented for the past year by the Secretary, Miss Margaret R. Stewart, G.R.N., showing that the work had not only been maintained but increased, and that there was a surplus balance on all the Club funds—Ordinary Revenue, Library, and Furnishing Funds.

Princess Helena Victoria, at the morning service at the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, on Sunday, April 27th, unveiled a memorial to Princess Christian. The memorial is similar to the one in the same building dedicated to Prince Christian, taking the form of a brass tablet mounted on oak and bearing the following inscription:—"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helena Princess Christian, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland. Born 25th May, 1846. Died 9th June, 1923. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them." The tablet, which was erected by the residents in and around Windsor Great Park, is situated on the north side of the chancel, and is close to the Prince Christian memorial.

The Rev. H. O. Moore, chaplain of Windsor Great Park, conducted the service. Princess Helena Victoria was accompanied by Princess Marie Louise.

We learn, with pleasure, from Miss Margaret Cummins, S.R.N., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, that it has been arranged to have a "Nurses' Service" in the Lady Chapel of the Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday, May 18th (this being the nearest Sunday to the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale—May 12th), at 6.30. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

It is hoped that this service, which is believed to be the first one of its kind in England, will be an annual event, as is the Medical Service, and Miss Cummins expresses the hope that it will be well attended, and that nurses will show their appreciation of the active interest and help of Archdeacon Howson and the Cathedral Authorities.

Admission will be by ticket—nurses only—which can be procured by application to Miss Cummins, Royal Infirmary, Miss Bramwell, Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Miss Aspinall, Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, or Miss Macmillan, Borough Hospital, Birkenhead. It is suggested that economy in time and postage would be effected if Matrons of Institutions would apply for their nurses collectively (the exact number who wish to attend).

We have, within the last few days, received a letter from Miss Gladys E. Stephenson, S.R.N., President of the Nurses' Association of China, telling us that they are making Florence Nightingale's birthday (May 12th) their hospital day throughout China, and are planning for a celebration that day.

On the occasion of her retirement after thirty-three years of service Miss Montgomery Wilson, Matron of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, was presented with several gifts at the hospital on April 28th. Sir William Diamond, K.B.E., presided over a large gathering, and said he could not imagine any service of a more humanising and inspiring character than that to which Miss Wilson had devoted her life. In completing her useful career at the hospital it must be a source of satisfaction to her to realise that her services were appreciated by all those with whom she had come in contact. He was glad of the opportunity to give such a send-off to Miss Wilson—a compliment which she so richly deserved.

Sir William James Thomas, Bart., in presenting Miss Wilson with a cheque for £655, said he had known her for 23 out of the 33 years she had been associated with the hospital. During her association with the hospital the number of beds had increased from 108 to 400, and the number of nurses from 31 to 125. Miss Wilson had volunteered for service in the South African War, and had brought back with her all those nurses who had accompanied her. From all parts of the world contributions had been received for the testimonial.

Lady Courtis referred to Miss Wilson's devotion and self-sacrificing work, especially during the last war, and presented her with a souvenir in which was recorded the names of "some of your many friends."

Dr. Mitchell Stevens, on behalf of the medical board, and Dr. Armstrong, on behalf of the nursing staff, also made presentations.

Miss Wilson, who was accorded a hearty reception, expressed her gratitude in a few feeling sentences.

Many Matrons and nurses, as well as members of the public, will be glad to know of a Home for Rest and Convalescence near the sea where paying patients, both adults and children, can be received, more especially when it is situated at Broadstairs, where the invigorating air speeds on convalescence, so that life quickly becomes a pleasure once more. We refer to Napier, Callis Court Road, Broadstairs, where Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., late Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, receives guests, in a spacious, comfortably furnished house. To those desiring to recruit after illness it is a great boon to go where the

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