

NURSING ECHOES.

On Wednesday, July 1st, the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed "to consider the Rules of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales with regard to the prescribed training for nurses, and the reservation of seats on the Council for Matrons," met for the first time and elected the Right Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P., Fellow of New College, Oxford, and formerly President of the Board of Education, as their Chairman. The Committee will meet on July 22nd and the following days, and one sitting will be held in the first week in August to enable nurses attending the International Meeting and Congress of Nurses at Helsingfors to give evidence on their return if they so desire.

We advise those interested in the question to read the announcement on page 146, under the heading Nursing in the House of Commons, Nursing Council.

The State Apartments of Windsor Castle, which contain historic and exquisite works of art, are now open from 11 to 4 p.m., excepting on Fridays. Naval and military nurses in uniform are admitted free of charge.

The opening ceremony by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York, of 15, Manchester Square, as a Home for Nurses attending the International Courses at Bedford College for Nurses, organised by the League of Red Cross Societies, marked an epoch in its history. Two courses, as our readers know, are organised in this connection, one for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing, and the other a Course in Public Health Nursing for the Session 1924-1925.

Certificates have been awarded to:—Joza Filipova, Czecho-Slovakia; Margaret Farquhar, Great Britain; Katina Karava, Greece; Justine Kushke, Latvia; Harriet Baud, Netherlands; Janet Moore, New Zealand; Hildur Hvoslef, Norway, on having completed the Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing.

Bertha Funke, Austria; Gabrielle Kaeckenbaeck, Belgium; Lucy Gough, Great Britain; Gerda von Freyhold, Germany; Marina Diomede, Greece; Doris Christian, New Zealand; Ann Kirkpatrick, New Zealand; Samran Lavasandha, Siam; Dora Koch, Switzerland, on having completed the Course in Public Health Nursing.

Special Certificates have been awarded to: Theodorine Petrova, Bulgaria; Maria Candia, Paraguay; Nikitza Bovolini, Serbia, on having completed a Special Course of Study.

Sir Arthur Stanley was in the chair, and Sir Claude Hill, K.C.S.I., Miss Katherine Olmstead, Chief of Division of Nursing of the League of Red Cross Societies, Miss Margaret J. Tuke, Principal of Bedford College for Women, addressed the meeting, Miss Tuke then introduced the International students to the Duchess, who presented the certificates most graciously and charmingly.

Her Royal Highness, who wore a most becoming gown and hat of a pale shade of mauve, declared the Home open in the following words:—

"It is a great pleasure to me to declare this Home for

International Students open, and I wish it every possible success."

A vote of thanks to the authorities of Bedford College was moved by Miss Janet Moore (New Zealand) seconded by Miss Harriet Baud (Netherlands), and then those present adjourned for tea, and to view the house with its pleasant rooms, and well-furnished bedrooms, some of them overlooking the green square, which could be used as study rooms. It should add appreciably to the comfort and happiness of the students.

A most enjoyable At Home was given by the Matron-in-Chief, Matrons and Members of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service at the R.A.F. Central Hospital, Avenne House, Finchley, on Tuesday last, the weather was superb, the Matron-in-Chief, Miss Cruickshank, S.R.N., R.R.C., the Principal Matron, Miss A. Cameron, S.R.N., R.R.C., and other Matrons and Sisters kindness itself, and the music of the Royal Air Force Band added to the gaiety and pleasure of the proceedings, while the charm of taking tea in a lovely, old-world garden with wide-spreading trees giving welcome shade which might have been a hundred miles from London instead of within a stone's throw of its tram service, was enjoyment indeed.

The hospital itself is now empty, and the patients have been moved to the Camp at Uxbridge. Although the nursing staff are not insensible to the charm of camp life, they will miss the lovely garden which has been such a delightful feature in their life at Finchley.

The uniform of the Air Force Nursing Service is one which we greatly admire, the colour the blue-grey of the Service with little cape and gold buttons, and the snowy caps embroidered with the wings, surmounted by a crown, which are the emblem of the Service, gave a distinctive note to a very picturesque gathering.

The total number of sisters and nurses at the London Hospital, according to a recent report, is 701, of whom 439 are engaged in the wards. On day duty in the wards there are 332, and on night duty 107.

Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, in a letter to the *Times*, writes:—

"In the Civic Hall at Wembley on the eve of Empire Day, the proposal to erect a memorial to the nurses from Overseas who fell in the war was explained to a large audience, but no appeal for subscriptions was made on that occasion. Nevertheless, money is required to carry out the scheme, and it is proposed to start a shilling fund for this object.

The Rolls of Honour in our own hospitals perpetuate the memory of the nurses who went out with our armies and who suffered with them, and we greatly desire that in the same way the services of their sisters from the Dominions, from India, and from the Colonies be commemorated in this country. The memorial is to be a Nurses' Home in connection with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and the names of the Overseas nurses who died on active service will be inscribed on its walls. It is requested that postal orders and cheques be addressed to me at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144, Euston Road, N.W."

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