

NURSING ECHOES.

When Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, President of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service, paid a visit to Cranwell on April 24th, those who received her were the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore A. E. Borton, the Director of Medical Services Air Commodore D. Munro, and Miss Joanna Cruickshank, S.R.N., Matron-in-Chief of Princess Mary's R.A.F.N.S. It will be remembered that the Matron-in-Chief and other members of this Service have the status of officers. The Princess visited the hospital buildings, where sisters and nurses of the Service were assembled to welcome her, and on their behalf was presented by Staff Nurse Crozier with a lovely bouquet of roses. Amongst the officers of the station presented to her Royal Highness was Miss Grace Nicholson, S.R.N., Matron of the Hospital.

Before leaving Her Royal Highness lunched at the Sisters' Mess.

At a Meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, held at Victoria Street, S.W., the following letter, to Sir Harold Boulton, was handed to Miss Rosalind Paget, by whom it will be much prized:—

"DEAR SIR HAROLD BOULTON,—I have read with much interest the letter you send to my Secretary, Colonel Sir Henry Streatfeild, and the particulars you enclose regarding the splendid services of Miss Rosalind Paget to the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

"I note that this lady has devoted thirty-six years' of her life to the great work of the Institute, and that during that time she has held several very important appointments. It is most interesting to me to know that Miss Paget's name was the first to be submitted to Queen Victoria as a Queen's nurse, and as you so aptly say in your letter to her from the Council, she may regard herself as the pioneer of the work which has increased in such a wonderful way since her appointment in 1891.

"I fully endorse all that the Council say, and am very glad that a special vote of thanks was passed to Miss Paget at the meeting on the 4th instant. I can only hope that some recognition may be accorded to her for her devoted services to the Institute which must always be gratefully remembered.—ALEXANDRA."

Miss Paget is a State Registered Nurse, as well as a certified midwife, and has represented the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute on the Central Midwives' Board since its formation in 1902, until the present year. But she has chiefly identified herself with the organisation of midwifery and midwives, being largely instrumental with Mrs. Brian Wilson (née Wilson) in securing the passing of the Midwives Act in England and Wales. Miss Paget also was a prime mover, in the establishment of the Midwives Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, and is a fount of knowledge as to everything concerning midwifery and midwives.

The Mental Hospitals Committee of the London County Council reported at a recent meeting:—

"The General Nursing Council (for England and Wales) have enquired whether the medical superintendents of the Council's mental hospitals, or their assistant medical officers, or the hospital-trained matrons or assistant matrons of the hospitals may act as examiners in the practical part

of the examinations held for admission to the National Register of Nurses for England and Wales. We think that the necessary permission should be granted (but experimentally in the first place, for a year) to not more than one medical officer (*i.e.*, the medical superintendent or an assistant medical officer, as may be convenient) and one matron or assistant matron from each hospital. The conditions of appointment of the officers concerned provide that they shall give their whole time to the duties of their office, and that any fees received by them, shall be paid to the Council. We do not think that any case exists for suspension of the latter condition. Examiners employed by the General Nursing Council will receive their railway fares and subsistence allowance when necessary. We recommend:—

"That as an experiment for one year one member of the medical staff and one matron or assistant matron at each of the London County mental hospitals be authorised to act as examiners in the practical examinations held by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for admission to the National Register of Nurses, and for such officers to be granted the necessary leave of absence with pay for this purpose."

Prince Arthur of Connaught, presiding on April 21st at a dinner at the Mansion House in aid of the funds of the City of London Maternity Hospital, said that as a mere man, it was with feelings of considerable misgiving that he proposed the toast of the evening. He felt it ought really to be in the hands of a representative of the opposite sex, and he had felt sorely tempted to leave it to the Princess to speak on a subject which was obviously more in her line as a State Registered Nurse than in his. He reminded those present that his family has shown a keen interest in this hospital in the past, his aunt, the late Princess Christian, opened the new buildings in 1907, and Her Majesty the Queen, as Princess of Wales, became patroness of the hospital in 1909, and had continued in that capacity since that date. It was also largely due to Her Majesty's interest that he was there to plead for this institution that evening.

Guy's Hospital is getting on very well with its 200th birthday appeal. £200,000 is necessary to clear off all the debt. A handsome list of donations has recently been announced, and, perhaps, the most encouraging feature of the fund is the very large proportion of the total forthcoming from the hospital itself.

The Governors have contributed £24,000; the permanent staff, surgical and medical, £12,000; Old Guy's men, £2,700, and present students a like amount; the nurses, £2,200; the employees, £1,600; the dental staff, with past and present dental students, £1,000. It is not invidious to draw special attention to the large totals achieved by the nurses, who are not moneyed people and have done wonders in comparison with their means.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League are always very delightful and sociable functions.

This year they will be held in the Nurses' Home at the Hospital on Friday evening, May 15th, 1925. Tickets for the Dinner may be obtained, price 1s. each, and application for them should be made not later than

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