

THE GENERAL INFIRMARY, LEEDS.

H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY DISTRIBUTES MEDALS AND PRIZES TO NURSES.

Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, gave great pleasure to the nurses of the General Infirmary, Leeds, by visiting the city to present the medals and prizes at the annual distribution to the nursing staff. The ceremony took place in the library of the medical school, which was filled by members of the nursing staff, of the General Infirmary Board, the honorary medical staff, and a few of those connected with the teaching of Nursing at the University.

Princess Mary, who was accompanied by the Countess of Harewood, was welcomed at the medical school by the Pro-

D.N., had qualified as gold medallists, but as the Eva Moynihan gold medal could only be given to one nurse each year, Miss Stubbings and Miss Grossart would receive silver medals. The Leeds University Diploma in Nursing was also gained by Miss Mathilde Burke, Miss Eva Milner, Miss Madeline M. Powlson, and Miss Mabel Stock.

The prizes, consisting of books, were presented to the successful nurses by the Princess, who spoke a few words to each, and talked for some moments with Miss Frances Wilson.

Dr. J. B. Baillie, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, said he liked to think of the great profession of nursing as of a great army organised for the purpose of protection and defence of mankind against their great enemies of disease and human suffering. Those enemies did not decrease as civilisation advanced, on the contrary, they

seem to increase, but the vigilance of man at the same time kept pace with the virulence of his enemies. He did not know whether to wonder more at the mystery of human suffering or at the extraordinary resource, capacity, intelligence, and courage of man in facing and overcoming so much of the suffering that assailed mankind. Attack was, on the whole, the best defence, and there had been an overwhelming measure of success since medical men had systematically enlisted the assistance of women nurses in their work. In the sphere of nursing, woman's supremacy was absolutely unchallenged. It was as if Nature, the great mother,



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Chancellor of the University (Mr. E. G. Arnold), who presented to her members of the medical and nursing staffs.

Among those presented were Dr. Baillie (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Leeds), Dr. Jamieson (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine), Sir Berkeley Moynihan, Dr. Maxwell Telling, Miss Steele Innes, S.R.N., R.R.C., Miss A. F. Billington (Assistant Matron), and Miss L. Duff-Grant, S.R.N. (Sister Tutor).

A beautiful bouquet of pink carnations, tied with ribbon of a soft blue shade, was presented to Princess Mary by Sister Craven, S.R.N. Sister Kaye (Sister of the Princess Mary Ward) presented a bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley to Lady Harewood.

The chairman of the Nurses' Committee, Mr. T. L. Taylor, opened the proceedings, and spoke of the splendid work done by the probationers during the year.

For the first time three nurses, Miss Frances M. Wilson, D.N., Miss Dorothy Stubbings, and Miss Helen F. Grossart,

had designed her daughter for the function of dealing delicately, minutely, insistently day by day, with the diseases and suffering which for her own purpose Nature had contrived.

THE DIPLOMA FOR NURSES.

The Vice-Chancellor claimed that in the training of nurses no city in the world had done so much as Leeds, which had this peculiarity—that the teachers were professors on the staff, that the nurses could and did attend the classes in the University, and that the University granted a diploma for nursing. Such a scheme was fraught with great possibilities. It placed nursing on a scientific basis.

We congratulate Miss Steele Innes, the Committee of the Infirmary, and the Nurses, on the honour accorded them by Princess Mary's recognition of the good work done by them. Under the matronship of Miss Steele Innes the Nurse-Training School of the General Infirmary, Leeds, has attained to a very high position in the nursing world.

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