

CHRISTMAS MARKET.

IN AID OF THE ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL.

H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught opened the three days' Sale of Work for the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital on Tuesday, November 30th, at Spring Gardens Galleries, Admiralty Arch. Judging from the crowd in the hall and rooms adjoining it, the Sale ought to prove successful in adding a substantial sum to the Extension Fund. The Princess was received on her arrival by Lady Hall, Lady Plender, Lady Ackworth, Mrs. Hamilton Stephenson, Miss Reynolds Hale (Matron) and Mr. Pollock (Chairman of the Hospital); she was conducted to the gallery overlooking the main section of the building where Her Royal Highness was presented with a lovely bouquet of yellow roses and chrysanthemums by Miss Priscilla Kindersley.

In addressing those who were present in the central Hall, Mr. Pollock referred to the splendid pioneer who had founded the Hospital and to its exceedingly rapid development since 1866. Those responsible for its administration felt that they owed a great debt of gratitude to H.R.H. the Princess Arthur for the encouragement she was giving, to their efforts to extend the Hospital, by coming to open the Market. Her Royal Highness had set a splendid example by her nursing work since the beginning of the War and, at the present time, she was still working in one of our large Metropolitan Hospitals. The Princess had recently honoured the Elizabeth Garret Anderson Hospital by going over it and had expressed approval of what she saw there, an approval especially esteemed because she herself was a qualified nurse.

Her Royal Highness, at the close of Mr. Pollock's remarks declared the Christmas Market open and wished it all possible success.

In thanking the Princess for coming, Lady Hall said that those who organised the Market felt deeply the encouragement which Her Royal Highness gave to them when she undertook to open it. Less than a year ago the Princess had visited a very sick woman in the Hospital—Miss Maude MacCallum—a woman who had given up her life to Nursing. Miss MacCallum was a very splendid character and one day, shortly before her death, Lady Hall was sitting with her when she expressed, in a very sincere way, her deep admiration for Princess Arthur and her work in connection with Nursing, and of her sympathy with Nurses, adding, "I hope very much that some day she may do something for this Hospital," Lady Hall said she felt it would have pleased that dying Nurse could she have foreseen that hope fulfilled to-day. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton Stephenson.

The Princess, before leaving, went round the Market and made many purchases.

A MAGNANIMOUS ATTITUDE.

Miss Anstance Muriel Howard, S.R.N. (cert. King's College Hospital) was concerned in a case in the Probate Division on November 16th, before the President, Lord Merrivale, in regard to the will of Miss de Sousa Deiro, by which, two days before her death, she left the whole of her property to Miss Howard instead of an annuity of £500 a year, left in a previous will. Miss Howard stated that she did not wish to benefit by the will in her favour beyond the annuity, and had taken steps to give effect to the provision under a previous will to found a home for people in the early stages of tuberculosis. The question was settled by mutual consent between the parties concerned, the President of the Court commenting on the magnanimous attitude which Miss Howard had seen fit to adopt.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on November 19th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W., Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C. (Chairman of the Council) presiding.

Correspondence.

The Correspondence included a letter from the Minister of Health referring to an amendment proposed to be made by the General Nursing Council to Rule 6 (6) (a) of their Rules with regard to Admission to the Register by Examination stating that the Minister had approved the proposed amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN explained that this related to the Rules for Fever Nurses in order to bring them into line with those for the examination of other nurses.

Finance.

The Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved and the sum of £60 for stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, £10 for Petty Cash, and £4,500 for the Examiners' Claims and Expenses were allowed.

The Committee reported that they had considered the detailed statement of Messrs. Colley & Sons, builders, for work executed in the offices, forwarded by the General Purposes Committee for approval. This included reconstruction of front porch and balconies, and re-inforcement of balconies at back of premises, all as required by District Surveyor. New fireplace in Registration Room and in Registration Officer's Room. Entailing reconstruction of chimney breast. Fireplace in caretaker's quarters. Stair carpet for basement stairs. Repair of cracks in main staircase walls, with subsequent necessary cleaning of walls.

The Finance Committee recommended that the sum of £517 2s. 11d. be paid to Messrs. B. Colley & Sons for work executed in the offices between January and September, 1926. This was agreed and the Report as a whole approved.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that from September 27th to November 5th, one application had been received.

Registrations to November 5th. *Applications received otherwise than by Examination, 55,324.* Applications approved by the Council to October 15th, 1926, 52,275. Applications for approval at meeting on November 19th, 5. Applications ineligible to October 15th, 1,376. Applications ineligible to be brought before meeting on November 19th, 2. Duplicate Applications, 483. Applications withdrawn, 1,163. Applications incomplete, 20.

Applications for Registration by Examination 3,749. Passed, 3033. Approved to October 15th, 3,009. For approval, November 19th, 5. Under age, 18. Training incomplete 1. Referred in Examination, 716.

Applications from 36 Nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee and wished their name reincluded in the Register were considered later *in camera*.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee recommended that the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital and Dispensary be provisionally approved as a complete Training School for a period of one year from November 19th, 1926; that the Maesteg and District General Hospital be approved in affiliation with the Swansea General and Eye Hospital as giving complete training; that the Ingham Infirmary, South Shields, and the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton on-Tees, be approved as complete Training School.

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