

NURSING ECHOES.

The King has sent a cheque for £728 to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 58, Victoria Street, S.W. (formerly the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses), the proceeds derived from the opening of the Royal gardens at Sandringham to the public during the summer months.

On the occasion of the Royal Visit to Newcastle-on-Tyne to open the new Tyne Bridge last month, the following members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve and Territorial Army Nursing Service had the honour of forming the Guard of Nurses for Her Majesty when she inspected a party of Army Nurses at Jesmond:

In charge:—Miss A. M. Phillips, A.R.R.C., Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve:—Miss M. O. Weatherill, Miss A. McDermott, Miss N. M. Malyon, Miss C. A. Mackenzie, Miss P. P. Simpson.

Territorial Army Nursing Service:—Miss M. A. Batey, Miss H. Brotherton, A.R.R.C., Miss J. McV. Anderson, Miss A. Hunter, Miss L. Taylor, A.R.R.C., Miss I. Judge.

Those whose privilege it was to be among the number will long remember the kindly interest shown by Her Majesty who, as she walked down the line of nurses, smiled and spoke to each in turn. The Queen was particularly interested in the display of medals, questioning those who wore them concerning their services during the War.

As there appears to be some misapprehension regarding eligibility for these parades, in order to avoid disappointment, it is pointed out that previous War service alone does not render a nurse eligible for this very special honour unless she is also an enrolled member of the Permanent Reserve of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service or a member of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, of which Services Her Majesty the Queen is President.

Many nurses trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, will be interested in the Diary just published of Viscount Sandhurst, for some years its Treasurer. It is published by Arnold, and is entitled "From Day to Day, 1914-1915," and was written when Lord Sandhurst was recovering from an operation. Lord Sandhurst's association with the question of State Registration of Nurses—at that time a burning one—both for and against—is within the memory of most State Registrationists. Finally, as uncompromisingly *for*, he took charge of the Nurses' Registration Bills for England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, on behalf of the Government in the House of Lords, in December, 1919, finally moving in each case "that the Bill do now pass," which was agreed. It is now a matter of history that on Tuesday, December 23rd, 1919, with the words "Le Roy le Veult" the King's Assent was given in the House of Lords to these Bills, which thus became Acts of Parliament, and the Law of the Land.

The Chairman of the Fulham Board of Guardians, Mrs. C. Fulford, recently presided at the annual pre-

sentation of medals, certificates and prizes to nurses of the Fulham Hospital, by the Mayor of Fulham, Alderman W. J. Waldron, J.P. Amongst those present were the Mayoress, Miss Walmsley (Ministry of Health Inspector). The Chairman said the Board had met to congratulate the nurses who had been successful in their examinations, and to offer them sincere good wishes for their welfare and happiness in their future career. The Board was extremely proud of the fact that the record of the previous year had been equalled, and that the percentage of successes was at the maximum. Examination successes, however, were not everything, and she hoped the nurses realised the great responsibilities of the profession, and the unequalled opportunities it presented for serving their fellow-creatures.

The Medical Superintendent, Dr. C. T. Parsons, O.B.E., welcomed the Mayor, and said that they felt a personal pride that the civic head of their great borough had honoured them with his presence. The record of the Nursing School during the past year had been one of monotonous success. They sent up 13 nurses for the preliminary, and 31 for the final examinations of the General Nursing Council, five nurses for the examination of the Central Midwives Board, and 20 nurses for the examination in cookery held by the Universal Cookery and Food Association. Every one of those 69 nurses passed her examination. That was not all. Three of their former nurses have gained exceptionally brilliant post-graduate successes.

"I need not," said Dr. Parsons, "tell you that the record is not one of success only, but is also a record of previous hard work by the teachers, our Matron (Miss Allbutt), Dr. Swindells, our Sister Tutor (Miss Lacey), and the ward sisters, and of hard work by the taught. They have all most thoroughly earned the hearty praise and congratulations you and I now offer them."

The Silver Medal was won by Probationer Nurse Nellie Williams, and Bronze Medals by Probationer Nurses Blanche Helena Chrisp, Edith Alice Fowler, Ruth Ursula Harris, Dorothy Sarah Keningale, Corinna Gwendoline Laverick, Florence Metcalfe, Anne Jane Mangle, Margaret Sheridan, Esther Mary Single, Hilda Frances Tucker.

Fresh opportunities of work are constantly occurring for nurses. The position of Sister Tutor, unknown a few years ago, is now assured, and the demand for nurses, trained and qualified for such positions, is greater than the supply. Another branch which should attract ambitious nurses is that of secretarial work. There are an increasing number of posts in which the services of expert nurses are required, but secretarial work is also expert, and nurses who, after Registration, take a post-graduate course in a secretarial office, should find a secretarial qualification would be a distinct asset.

A sad fatality occurred recently in the General Hospital, Nottingham, when a baby of two years old, who was under treatment for swallowing a halfpenny, died of dislocation of the neck. The nurse left the ward for about three minutes to take something to another ward, and on her return found the child with his head through the bars of his cot, with the result recorded.

It should be an invariable rule that a ward should

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