

NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen, who visited the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, on Friday last, received in purses containing at least £100, £22,701. The first, collected by Dames of the British Empire, was presented by Dame Madge Kendall.

The President, Miss Cox-Davies, announced that the sum received during the afternoon was £22,701, which added to the amount previously raised, £72,819, made a total of £95,520. To this had to be added £100, which had been handed in by the South London Hospital just after the Queen arrived.

When Prince Arthur of Connaught visited the Middlesex Hospital on May 7th, he first presided at a Board Meeting, and then went up with Sir Louis Baron to inspect the new Children's Ward on the sixth floor of the new West Wing, given by his father, the late Mr. Bernhard Baron, where he was met by Princess Arthur wearing the uniform of a State Registered Nurse. It is delightful to note the pride of Her Royal Highness in her membership of the Nursing Profession, which she has gained by her own hard work, and the Prince seems almost as proud, and loses no opportunity of publicly mentioning the fact that the Princess is a State Registered Nurse, thus demonstrating in what high esteem he holds the legally constituted Profession of Nursing.

The ward, which is for both medical and surgical cases, is gay with colour, and the walls are faced with tiles upon which nursery rhymes are depicted in charming colouring. The cots are a bright blue.

There is a sun balcony and a number of isolation wards separated by glass panellings, where patients are placed on arrival, and where they remain for three or four days unless they have a clear medical history. There is also a kitchen.

Members of the medical staff and Miss E. M. Smith, the Lady Superintendent, described the special features of the ward to the Royal visitors, which Princess Arthur pronounced the most delightful children's ward she had ever seen.

The Prince and Princess honoured with their presence the house-warming given on May 20th by the Lady Superintendent and nursing staff of the Middlesex Hospital, to view the new Nurses' Home in Foley Street, of which the Queen laid the foundation stone in January last.

The Home, which contains accommodation for 225 nurses, and will cost £300,000, is the gift of an anonymous donor. There is a different colour scheme on each floor, those schemes being respectively: green, orange, blue, and blue and cream. There is a fine lounge on the first floor, and opening out of it is a roof lounge, while overhead there are badminton courts. A reading room and smoking room are near the lounge hall. Everywhere there is an air of spaciousness and light. In the great window on the stairs facing the hall are the arms of the Middlesex Hospital with its motto, "Miseris succurrere disco."

A swimming bath will be included in the home when it is completed. Parents and their daughters, considering their careers, will thus realise that the modern probationer can obtain training to fit her for an in-

teresting and satisfying career under ideal conditions, receiving a salary and emoluments, whereas in most professions open to women they not only have to maintain themselves until qualified, but also to pay a premium.

We are glad to hear that Miss Cochrane's "Nursing" is having a great success. It well deserves it, as it is an original and historically accurate work. As the cost is only 3s. 6d. we advise our readers to buy and study it. Members of Hospital Committees, and those responsible for State and other nursing organisations will find it compact with useful information not otherwise obtainable.

There was an atmosphere of real friendliness and cordiality at the "At Home" given by Miss Mayers at the Imperial Nurses' Club on the occasion of the opening of five additional rooms on May 22nd. Old and new friends mingled happily together, and all seemed to enjoy the profusion of flowers in the drawing-room and its dainty home-made cakes.

The plan which has always obtained at the Club of giving distinctive names to the bedrooms has been continued, and it seemed restful to turn into "Wayside" out of "Candle Lane." It is a pleasing fancy, too, to adorn the bedspread with the flowers after which the rooms are called, e.g., Shamrock, Daffodil and Thistle. A short, but impressive service of Blessing conducted by the Rev. W. J. B. Scott terminated a very happy afternoon.

The following lines written to point the way to the Bazaar, to be held during Birthday Week, next November, were partially illuminated, and caused some amusement when read by the members, on the Club's notice board.

Some Busy Bees with heart and will,
Prepared to meet the Builder's Bill;
What better "Birthday Gift," say they,
Than help the Club to pay its way.

We agree, and it is well to take time by the forelock to ensure success.

We reported in our April issue the appointment of Miss J. H. Balsillie as a Principal Matron in the Public Health Department of the London County Council. Miss Balsillie has since intimated that she does not wish to take up the appointment, but to remain as Matron of the Park Hospital. The London County Council, has, therefore, now promoted Miss Nellie Butler, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron of the Southern Hospital, Dartford, to the position of Principal Matron in the Public Health Department, at a salary of £650, rising by annual increments of £25 to £800 a year.

We wonder how many nurses who saw the announcement in the daily Press of the death of the Right Honourable John Wheatley, M.P., the first Labour Minister of Health, realised that they owe to him the appointment of the Select Committee "to examine the Election Scheme of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and to report upon the desirability of making the Council's Syllabus of Training compulsory."

Mr. Wheatley, on March 11th, 1924, received a deputation organised by the Registered Nurses' Par-

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