

## NURSING ECHOES.

Royal Ladies are interesting themselves in nursing in so far as Red Cross standards go. In Italy Princess Marie José of Piedmont is taking the course for volunteer nurses. In this she is following the example of her mother, Queen Elisabeth of the Belgians, who personally nursed hundreds of wounded soldiers during the Great War.

With the Princess's acquisition of her diploma, there will be five ladies of the Royal House of Savoy enrolled in the Red Cross, the others being Queen Helena, and the Duchesses of Aosta, Apulia and Pistoia.

In Spain the final nursing Course has been attended by the Infanta Cristina, daughter of the King and Queen of Spain, who has passed the Red Cross examination and qualified as a second-class nurse.

England alone has the distinction of a royal Registered Nurse—H.R.H. The Princess Arthur of Connaught.

On September 18th, Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, paid a visit to Bradford and declared open the first block of the new Bradford Royal Infirmary. Her Royal Highness was received by an eminent company.

Mr. George Priestman, the chairman of the hospital board, stated that the foundation-stones were laid in April, 1928, by the Duke and Duchess of York, the new block being known as the Duke of York Home.

This block, the cost of which, with the equipment, is about £70,000, is the first of six, the ultimate cost of which is estimated at £550,000. Of this amount, over £400,000 has been promised or subscribed. The first block is intended to provide for paying patients, and consists chiefly of single-bedded rooms, the charge expected to be made being four guineas a week upwards for each patient, and it is, as Mr. Priestman claimed, the first paying unit to be connected with a voluntary hospital outside London.

The Earl of Harewood, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said that during her residence of eight years in Yorkshire, the Princess had visited many of the leading towns and had seen the hospital accommodation in most of them. Bradford was to be congratulated on a large and comprehensive scheme, for which the Princess and he wished success.

Princess Mary presented a gold medal won by Nurse Winifred Radcliffe in the recent examination at the infirmary, a silver medal won by Nurse Marjorie Pulford, and certificates won by other nurses.

The nursing arrangements came in for great praise from those present, largely due to the expert knowledge, and devotion to the flourishing nursing school of its Lady Superintendent, Miss Jessie Davies, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., and her highly qualified staff.

There was a delightful gathering of Nurses in their Lecture Hall at the Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, on Monday, September 29th, "Presentation Day," when Miss C. Fulford, Chairman of the Hospital Visiting Sub-Committee, welcomed and introduced Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, O.B.E., D.L., M.P., who

subsequently presented the prizes and certificates. Dr. C. T. Parsons, O.B.E., M.D., the Medical Superintendent, complimented the Matron, Miss M. G. Allbutt, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., who was wearing the Robes of a Councillor of the British College of Nurses, which was very appropriate at an educational ceremony of this nature, and added to its dignity, and the Sister Tutor, Miss E. Macintyre, F.B.C.N., on the very satisfactory results obtained in the State Examinations. During the past year nineteen nurses went up for the State Examination and eighteen passed, the nineteenth passing at the next examination.

Seven out of nine passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board, and twenty-three entered for the Examination of the Food and Cookery Association, and all gained certificates, and some prizes presented by it.

Dr. Parsons amusingly related some of the mistakes made by probationers in their early days, such as one who, being told to give a poor old patient an air ring, was discovered an hour later on the balcony pushing her patient up and down in a bath chair, giving her an airing.

Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan then presented the Certificates of Training and Prizes as follows:—

*Certificates of Training*—Awarded to Nurses who have completed the period of training and who have passed the Final State Examination:—

Ellen Hally, Dorothy Isabel Tyler, Marjorie Banks, Lilian May Clark, Annie Brown, Bridget Twomey.

## MEDALS.

*Silver Medal*.—Ellen Hally.

*Second Prize Bronze Medals*.—Dorothy Isabel Tyler, Marjorie Banks, Lilian May Clark, Annie Brown, Bridget Twomey.

## PRIZES.

*Medical Superintendent's Prizes for Senior Nurses*.—Ellen Hally, Amy Louie Tovey, Annie Raine.

*Matron's Prizes for Second Year Nurses*.—Annie Raine (Two Prizes.)

*Sister Tutor's Prizes for Junior Nurses*.—Elizabeth Gwyneth Hayward, Vera Matthews.

## COOKERY PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

*Presented by the Food and Cookery Association*.—Vera Matthews, Annie Peare, May Wolaham, Dorothy Westfold, May Frances Hyland, Ellen Deighton, Constantina Brown, Marie Camfield, Elizabeth Laffen, Mary Laffen, Edith Cowdale, Deborah Thompson, Olwen Roberts, Alice Bolger, May Allen.

*Cookery Certificates*.—Mary Jerman, Margaret Gannon, Catherine Keenan, Madeline Dixon, Mary Connolly, Mary Cunneen, Deborah Brehoney, Mary Scott.

After a vote of thanks proposed by His Worship the Mayor of Fulham, Councillor G. R. Renton, J.P., the Chairman, Miss C. Fulford, wished the Nurses who were leaving the hospital that day good-bye and God-speed.

Tea was served in the most tastefully decorated Recreation Room, which had lemon-coloured walls, blue curtains, and carpets and rugs to match. The sumptuous tea was daintily served on little tables covered with exquisitely worked tablecloths. The guests were waited upon by the Sisters and Nurses in their spick-and-span uniforms, and thoroughly appre-

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