

NURSING ECHOES.

The news that the Prince of Wales has been suffering from malaria has been received with much regret in this country. Happily, with the knowledge now available, this disease usually yields quickly to treatment, and it is good news that His Royal Highness is making a rapid recovery. Expert medical and nursing care are of primary importance in the treatment of malaria, and we know that both are available, as, thanks to the initiative of Lady Grigg, the wife of the Governor-General of Kenya Colony, a nursing service has been established at Nairobi, and the Prince has had every care at Government House, to which he returned when the attack developed up country.

The King and Queen are kept constantly informed of the Prince's progress, and the Queen paid a visit to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital at Millbank recently, and saw through the microscope malarial germs of the type which attacked the Prince.

Miss A. M. Phillips (Chief Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace on the 3rd inst.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Arthur of Connaught, paid an informal visit to the Middlesex Hospital last Tuesday, and visited the new Nurses' Home, which provides accommodation for 225 nurses on five floors, each of which was visited by Her Majesty. She also paid a visit to a patient in the wards, who assists in the scheme of table decorations at Buckingham Palace, and talked to him for some minutes, to his great delight, and also to some of the other patients.

The nursing staff at University College Hospital are greatly looking forward to the visit to the Hospital on March 19th of His Royal Highness Prince George, President of the Hospital, to open their new Preliminary Training School which has been presented by the Rockefeller Foundation. Tea will be served to invited guests immediately after the opening ceremony.

It is interesting to note that letters from the pen of Miss Florence Nightingale have a definite value in the Sale Rooms. At Sotheby's on February 18th a series of 118 autograph letters from Miss Nightingale to Miss Gordon, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital during the years 1890-1900, the property of Mr. A. E. Taylor, of Hove, brought £215—a very moderate price for letters which must be of much historic interest in connection with the Nightingale Training School and contain many words of wisdom.

The following interesting announcement is made by Mr. I. B. O'Malley, 6, Steeles Road, N.W.3:—

“By the desire of Miss Florence Nightingale's family I am making a new study of her life and character. This book, which will be published next autumn by Messrs. Thornton Butterworth, and will appear simul-

taneously in America, is in no way designed to supersede the Biography written by Sir Edward Cook, nor the shorter version by Mrs. Vaughan Nash, both of which were published by Messrs. Macmillan. It will rather seek to illustrate certain aspects of Miss Nightingale's life which are of great interest to the present generation, and will be specially concerned with the years 1820 to 1865. A number of unpublished letters, throwing a new light on Miss Nightingale's life, have been placed at my disposal, and it is possible that others exist in the archives of private families. Will you allow me to say how very grateful I shall be to anyone who will lend me such letters? I should also be glad to see anything bearing directly or indirectly on Miss Nightingale's life before 1865. All papers lent will be most carefully treated and quickly returned by registered post.”

The Committee of the Territorial Army Nursing Service Benevolent Fund have decided to give grants for one year of 10s. a week to four ex-members of the T.A.N.S. who may be in urgent need of some small financial assistance. Applications should be made to the Secretary, T.A.N.S. Benevolent Fund, c/o the Matron-in-Chief, T.A.N.S. War Office (T.A.), 4, Caxton House West, Tothill Street, S.W.1, who will then forward the necessary application form. Applications must be received before March 31st.

At a meeting of the Committee of County Nursing Associations, held recently at the Offices of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 58, Victoria Street, the position of nursing associations in regard to the grants formerly given by boards of guardians for the nursing of necessitous cases was considered, and the associations were recommended to apply to the public assistance committees for a continuance of these grants, which will not be included in the schemes drawn up by county councils under section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1929.

We hope that any public assistance authorities which are invited to subsidize nursing associations will make a condition of so doing that the Nurses employed shall be State Registered Nurses, just as the Midwives are certified by the Central Midwives Board. The State Registers of Nurses are issued by the General Nursing Councils under the authority of Parliament, and no nurse who cannot give the guarantee of State Registration should be subsidized from public money.

We are asked to notify that Icelandic nurses desiring positions in the new State Hospital of Iceland, to be opened in Reykjavik in the autumn of this year are requested to send their applications to the Iceland Nurses' Association, 14, Tjarnargata, Reykjavik, Iceland, from which further particulars may be obtained.

The history of the foundation of the hospital is an interesting one. In commemoration of the granting, on June 19th, 1915, of women's suffrage in Iceland, the Icelandic women founded a fund for the building of a State Hospital which is to provide complete education for the medical profession in Iceland, as well as for nurses and midwives. The fund has been generously

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