

Royal Highness, who received them with her usual grace and charm. Lord Stanley, on behalf of the Treasurer, Lord Donoughmore, who was detained in Ireland, presented to the Duke of York as President, the Royal Charter of Incorporation which has been granted to the Hospital. He moved a vote of thanks to Their Royal Highnesses for their visit to the hospital that day, and for the interest they have taken in the work of the hospital. This was seconded by Sir George Wyatt Truscott, and carried by acclamation.

The ceremony then concluded and the Duke and Duchess gave much pleasure to the guests by forming part of the procession which passed down the centre of the ward on their way to the Nurses' Home, and those present then moved on to the rooms where a much-appreciated tea was served, and after Their Royal Highnesses had left, visited the Nurses' Home where the new extension and its appointments were greatly admired.

The nurses in training are well off indeed, with charming sitting and common rooms, a lecture-room which must satisfy the most exacting, and single bedrooms most harmoniously and conveniently furnished and, what must be a great joy, with hot and cold water laid on.

They also have no mean inheritance in the traditions of the hospital. Some of us remember the days of Miss Brew, Sister Olive Batty, and Sister Marian Rumball who each poured out a lifetime of capable and devoted professional work in the service of the hospital and its patients. (How they would have scorned the Brockway Bill!)

Under the present Matron, Miss Clara Robinson, R.R.C., the high standard of nursing and devotion to the sick is still maintained, with the result that L.H.H. nurses are everywhere appreciated as private nurses.

A tower of strength in the hospital is the Secretary, Major E. A. Attwood, who has now been there for forty-seven years, and is thus able to create an atmosphere of friendly and intimate relation with the public which means so much to the popularity of a hospital, and therefore to the increase in its list of subscribers.

The Children's Hospital, Nottingham, which now, owing to the recent enlargement, has 100 beds, admitted 920 in-patients last year, as compared with 660 in 1929, and the number of operations was nearly doubled. It is now a recognised training school for sick children's nurses.

## NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

### NURSING PROFESSION (WAGES AND HOURS) BILL

—May 21st.

Mr. Fenner Brockway asked the Prime Minister whether the Government was prepared to provide facilities for the further stages of the Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill. Mr. MacDonald replied that he regretted that he could hold out no hope of time being found for the discussion of this Bill.

Mr. Brockway asked whether, in view of the hard conditions in the nursing profession and the hopes held out at the Conference of the Labour Party in 1927, the Prime Minister would refer the matter to the Minister of Health, with a view to legislation being introduced.

Lieut.-Colonel Fremantle asked whether the right hon. gentleman would recognise that there was no demand for this Bill among the nursing profession, and that it was a political stunt of the Labour party?

No further answers were given.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

As the meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on May 29th as we were about to go to press, we regret we are unable to give a full report as usual. Of principal interest was the notification by the Minister of Health that he had appointed Dr. Charles Porter to a seat on the Council in place of Dr. Buchan. Dr. Porter is Medical Officer of Health for the Metropolitan Borough of St. Marylebone, and a Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple.

The Chairman reported that by direction of the Council its solicitors had issued a summons against a woman named Mary Violet Overton for falsely representing herself as a Registered Nurse. The case was heard at the Croydon Police Court, where the defendant was fined ten shillings. (The maximum penalty under the Nurses' Registration Act, for a first offence, is £10.)

Miss Musson added that it was unfortunate that magistrates frequently took such a lenient view of these cases.

### DISCIPLINARY CASE.

A disciplinary case which came up for hearing was that of Miss Edith Mildred Hiscock, S.R.N., 50265, who was defended by her solicitor.

The solicitor to the Council, Mr. Hewitt Pitt, briefly stated the case, from which it appeared that Miss Mildred Hiscock kept a nursing home in Brighton with her sister, Miss Minnie Hiscock, an unregistered nurse. Miss Minnie Hiscock (with whom the Council had nothing to do), was summoned at the Brighton Police Court on 19 counts for being in unauthorised possession of morphine sulphate. Miss Mildred Hiscock was charged at the same place on six counts (of which only one was taken) with obtaining morphine sulphate by forging a doctor's signature to a prescription. She was fined £5 and £5 costs. When communicated with by the Registrar of the General Nursing Council she admitted the offence. She was cited to appear before the Council; she did not do so, but the defence put forward by her solicitor was that she committed the offence out of her affection for her sister, for whom she wished to obtain the drug.

The Council found that the charge had been proved, and after deliberating passed the following Resolution.

### Resolution.

"That the name of Miss Edith Mildred Hiscock, S.R.N., 50265, be removed from the Register."

### THE HOUSE OF MARSHALL & SNELGROVE.

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