

NURSING ECHOES.

The following nurses were severally introduced into His Majesty's presence at Buckingham Palace, on June 21st and 22nd when the King invested them with the Insignia of the respective Divisions of the Orders into which they have been admitted.

Miss Helen Gregory Smith, R.R.C., Matron of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, as Commander (Civil Division) of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is honoured as the President of the Scottish Matrons' Association and for services to the nursing profession in Scotland.

Miss Gregory Smith has an *ex-officio* seat on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, her colleagues will, we feel sure, wish to convey to her their sincere congratulations on her recent honour.

Miss Gwendoline Maud Jones, A.R.R.C., Miss Margaret Anderson, Miss Lucy Agnes Ratcliffe, Miss Hannah Weir and Miss Blanche Wright have also been invested by the King with the Insignia of the Orders into which they have been admitted. We know no one whose devoted services to East End Mothers and Babies deserve more honourable recognition than those of Miss Margaret Anderson, Lady Superintendent of the East End Maternity Hospital, a vocational, charming, and most skilled practitioner, after our own heart.

The Queen visited the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, recently, to open the Albert Levy Wing of the new Queen Mary Building and to lay the foundation stone of an extension of the Alfred Langton Nurses' Home.

Her Majesty was received on her arrival by Lord Riddell, the president of the hospital, Sir Albert Levy, the honorary treasurer, and Miss G. M. Bulman, the matron.

Lord Riddell, welcoming the Queen, said that in view of her keen interest in the cause of healthy and happy motherhood it was appropriate that the new maternity department of the Royal Free Hospital should bear her name. They hoped that this building for the relief of human suffering would remain for all time as permanent evidence of their respect and affection for her Majesty. They had to thank Sir Albert Levy and the

other generous donors for benefactions which had made the building possible.

This extension of the Nurses' Home will cost £60,000, of which only part has yet been provided. Miss Bulman placed in the foundation stone a casket containing a programme of the day's events, a copy of *The Times*, specimens of current coins, and the most recent report of the hospital's activities.

Before leaving the Hospital Her Majesty took tea in the Nurses' Home.

At the quarterly meeting of the Governors at the London Hospital, the chairman deplored the adverse criticism of the London County Council as regarded the accommodation provided for the nurses at certain of

the Council's hospitals, so soon after the task of taking over municipal hospitals, but we note with pleasure that he also stated that every nurse at the London Hospital had a separate bedroom, and that the salaries paid to the various grades of nurses were considerably in excess of the minimum advocated. We believe in well considered criticism of public institutions. Indeed we doubt if the London Hospital's nursing arrangements would have attained to the present high standard if in the past it had never been criticised.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has consented to open the nurses' home extension at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, on Thursday, July 14th.

At the recent meeting of County Nursing Associations held at the offices of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 58,

Victoria Street, The Duchess of Richmond and Gordon was reappointed chairman, and Mrs. Heywood Lonsdale vice-chairman. Lady Gainford was appointed to represent the committee on the General Purposes Committee of the Queen's Institute. Reports were given by the representatives showing the great need of special telephone facilities for the work of district nurses, especially in rural districts.

The committee was glad to hear of the great interest taken in the gardens which are being opened throughout the country in aid of the county nursing associations and the Queen's Institute.

Miss Isabel Macdonald's delightful article "Nurses and Gardens," which appears in this issue of our Journal,



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