

enhanced by his being able to present them in return with his likeness.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Duke of Connaught.

Many members of the Nursing Staff past and present, attended this historic function—and saw for the first time the "coach house" which has been fashioned in the corridor to receive and keep intact the carriage used by Miss Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War, and where the fanlight from her home for so many years from 10, South Street, London, had been inserted. Golden flowers simply arranged were placed before this shrine.

The International Guests attending "Nightingale Week" will, we feel sure, be deeply interested and touched at the sight of this carriage, when they visit the Hospital on July 6th, and are shown other Nightingaleiana reverently acquired by Miss Lloyd-Still, the Matron and Superintendent of the Nightingale School for Nurses.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The leading voluntary hospitals have been in luck's way of late.

Mr. Percy Ernest Holt, of the Oriental Club, W., who died on March 16th, and whose estate has just been proved at £32,406, left all his property to Westminster Hospital. His father, Mr. Bernard Holt, was a surgeon at the hospital for 50 years.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital will receive a large bequest from the estate of the late Mr. Percy Thomas, of Croydon, to endow two beds which shall be known respectively as the "Edward Thomas of Old Drury" and "Percy Thomas of Old Drury" beds "in lieu of cold marble memorials"; all surplus income is to be used to increase the number of beds so endowed.

The executors of the estate of the late Mr. Alfred de Rothschild have made a donation of £6,000 towards the fund for the rebuilding of the Nurses' Home at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. A gift of 1,000 guineas has also been received from Smith's (Kensington Estate) Charity for the general funds of the hospital.

The Marchioness of Londonderry has consented to become president of the Lewis Carroll Memorial Fund, the object of which is to endow and equip a children's ward in St. Mary's Hospital as a memorial to the genius of Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland."

The joint annual conference of the British Hospitals Association (Inc.) and the Incorporated Association of Hospital Officers was held in Liverpool from June 9th to June 12th. On the opening day Prince George attended the conference.

To read that Guy's Hospital is "on the danger list" is perturbing especially when the Treasurer proves it by stating that the result of the accumulated maintenance deficit stands at £102,000, and in addition a building debt of £91,000 brings the total hospital indebtedness up to £193,000. It is a mistake to think of Guy's as a wealthy hospital and that it does not need the support which is so generously given to other institutions. Its endorsed income is only £68,000, while its annual expenditure is over £190,000. Thomas Guy's foundation serves the whole Empire in the training of doctors and nurses, and it is to be hoped benefactors will come forward to generously support this great and famous hospital.

In recognition of the work of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, known as the Dockers' Hospital because it deals largely with accidents in the Port of London, the trustees

of the late Bernhard Baron's estate have made a donation of £10,000 to the hospital, to be spread over a period of five years. The amount is to be allocated to the fund for rebuilding and enlarging the out-patients' department.

The report of the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for the year 1931 states that the receipts on the estates amounted to £140,101, and the expenditure to £40,755. The hospital income (subscriptions, donations, etc.), amounted to £224,534, and the expenditure to £216,369. The decreases in annual subscriptions and donations were less serious than was expected in view of the depression. There was an increase in the number of in-patients treated during the year, the daily average number of patients in hospital being the highest on record for many years.

On Red Cross Day, May 12th, collections in aid of the funds of the County of London branch of the British Red Cross Society amounted to £1,530 and the expenses to £59, or just under 4 per cent. of the collection.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting was held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, June 24th.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the Chair, and 14 Members of the Council were present.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., the Convener of the Committee. The Report was approved and in accordance with the Committee's recommendations it was resolved to agree to reciprocity with the Medical Council for Southern Rhodesia in regard to registration of Nurses.

The Council appointed Examiners from their Panel for the Examinations in October and Supervisors for the written Examinations.

Following consideration of *The Lancet* Commission's Report and the discussions at previous meetings of the Council it was resolved that the Preliminary Examination should be divided into two parts: (a) Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene; (b) Theory and Practice of Nursing, Part I, and that (a) may be taken before but not more than two years before the Nurse enters the ward. It was further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

It was remitted to the Uniform Committee to consider the appointment of a new Firm of Manufacturers of serges for Registered Nurses' Uniform in place of one of the Firms previously appointed, which had now gone into liquidation.

The names of the Nurses who had passed the Council's Midsummer Examinations were ordered to be placed on the Register.

This Report does not state what authorities are to be entrusted with the teaching and examination of pupils in Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene. The sooner this information is made public the better, as, unless the General Nursing Council for Scotland is responsible for all examinations, the decision sweeps away the one portal standard of education to the Register, a fatal renunciation of Statutory Authority.

We note that a copy of the resolution is to be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; it would not have established a precedent to have conferred before making such a fundamental change in procedure, as without unanimity there can be no reciprocity between the two Councils.

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