

NURSING ECHOES.

The Nursing Staff and the patients at the London Hospital, E., had a delightful surprise on Monday, February 27th, when the Queen unexpectedly appeared and paid a prolonged visit to the hospital, of which she is President. Her Majesty was received on her arrival by Sir William Goschen, Chairman of the Hospital, Captain E. J. Mann, Miss Littleboy, Matron, and Captain A. G. Elliott, O.B.E., M.C., House Governor. She first visited the Nurses' Quarters, including the sick room, and spoke to each of the nurses, to their great pleasure. A children's surgical ward was also visited, and the Queen who talked with each child was greatly amused at the artless and excited remarks of some of the children. Cotton and Mary (women's surgical wards) and the Charrington and Turner (men's medical wards) were also visited. Nowhere was Her Majesty's visit received with such unfeigned pleasure as in the Out-patient Department. She seemed to appreciate this, for she smiled at the mothers and children, bade them be seated, and talked in informal fashion to a number of mothers about their children.

The Nursing Staff of the General Infirmary, Leeds, as well as the hospital authorities were greatly appreciative of the kindness of the Princess Royal who travelled to Leeds and back on February 25th, to attend the opening of the Training Session 1932, and present the prizes to the Nurses, at the Annual Prize Distribution to the Nursing Staff.

Her Royal Highness before the Presentation Ceremony visited the Women's Surgical Ward, and the Children's Ward, and gave great pleasure by leaving blooms from the bouquet of blue and purple irises, presented to her by Sister Godfrey on her arrival, with two special patients in the women's ward.

The Princess—with whom were the Archbishop of York (Dr. Temple), Mr. H. D. Middleton (Chairman of the Infirmary Board), Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C. (Lady Superintendent), Dr. Maxwell Telling, Dr. Hellyer (Resident Medical Officer), Mr. Bernard Pain (Resident Surgical Officer) and the Secretary of the Hospital—was wearing the Robes of a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Prize Giving took place in the Medical School, after an Address by the Archbishop who said that all recognised that in our civilisation the ministry of healing had come to occupy a place which had no parallel in the history of the past, and no rival in the public affection of the present. "We look forward," said the Archbishop, "knowing that the devotion and patience exhibited in the past will reap an even greater harvest in the years to come, and we shall always regard with gratitude, honour and affection the doctors and nurses to whom we all owe so much of the increased happiness of life."

The Princess Royal then presented the "Eva Moynihan" Gold Medal to Nurse Cecile Anderson; the Chairman's prize for aggregate marks in Nursing, Anatomy, and Physiology, Medicine and Surgery, to Nurse Edith Maxwell Telling; and the Elizabeth Fisher Memorial Prize for Practical Nursing, to Nurse Mary Woodhouse.

Dr. G. W. Watson, Senior Consulting Physician, in expressing thanks to Her Royal Highness for her visit, said it was a great stimulus and encouragement to the Matron, nurses and all working for the success of the School of Nursing, that she had made a special journey from London to be present; and Nurse Cecile Anderson (Gold Medallist) expressed the thanks of the students.

Tea was subsequently served in the Dining Hall and then

before leaving, the Princess found time to visit the Children's Ward and the "Princess Mary" Ward for babies, presented to the Infirmary by the citizens of Leeds on the occasion of her marriage with the Earl of Harewood.

The visit of the Princess Royal was a gracious act which will long be remembered by the Nursing Staff, and especially by those members who were honoured by receiving their prizes from her hands.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, attended the Council Meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing held on February 24th, at 58, Victoria Street. The Earl of Athlone presided.

Princess Alice presented Long Service badges to the following "Queen's" superintendents and nurses,



The Princess Royal.

Nurse Cecile Anderson.

Miss E. S. Innes, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent.

The Princess Royal presenting the Eva Moynihan Gold Medal and Prize to Nurse Cecile Anderson at the General Infirmary, Leeds.

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