

A NOTABLE VISIT.

The British College of Nurses on May 24th was honoured by a visit from Harriot Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, accompanied by the Lady Hermione Blackwood, and presented to the College two valuable books of prints after the drawings by Lady Alicia Blackwood, who worked for the soldiers' wives in the Crimean Hospitals with Miss Florence Nightingale, for which she kindly promised an inscription.

The books are dedicated as follows :—

To Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

These Sketches, though simple and without artistic pretension, are yet true and faithful delineations, of some deeply interesting localities with which we have both been so singularly connected. And in dedicating, by your kind permission, such trifles to you, I desire in perfect truth also to record that, around the undying and thrilling associations of our Oriental campaign, the gentle, serene, and never-failing kindness experienced by myself from you must always remain as a bright and sunny memory with your obliged and affectionately attached

ALICIA BLACKWOOD.

Ventnor, January, 1857.

Lady Dufferin who was received in the entrance hall by the President, and two Vice-Presidents, paid the College a visit of some length, and was greatly interested in autograph letters by Miss Florence Nightingale in the possession of the College, shown to her by Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the History Section, and in other treasures in the Council Chamber relating to the Crimea, and greatly admired the beautiful Book of Remembrance in which the names of deceased Fellows and Members of the College are inscribed.

It was a special pleasure to welcome Lady Dufferin to the College, for her great interest in the work of hospitals—especially women's hospitals—is well known, and her name will always be associated and remembered with gratitude in connection with the National Association for Supplying Medical Aid to the Women of India during Lord Dufferin's term in India as Viceroy, the Fund raised in support of the Association being known as the Countess of Dufferin's Fund. Her Majesty Queen Victoria had drawn Lady Dufferin's attention to the question of medical aid for the women of India as one in which she might take a practical interest, and the result was the establishment by Lady Dufferin of this Association, the one aim and aspiration of which, in the words of its foundress, was "to bring to the women of India better health, freedom from unnecessary pain, and all the comforts and alleviations which science has discovered and which the ministering hand of doctor or nurse can supply." Hospitals and dispensaries for women, mainly officered by medical women, and in close touch with the Association, were established, girls were trained to study medicine, and as nurses and midwives, the training of midwives being regarded as the most important and urgent part of the work, and carried out in the Dufferin hospitals, the first regular training school in India for the systematic instruction of native pupils in medical and surgical nursing, as well as in midwifery, being established in 1886 by the Bombay branch of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund, in connection with the Cama Hospital in Bombay.

Of all the many works for the welfare of humanity which Lady Dufferin has promoted, or assisted, none has been more beneficent or productive of the alleviation of suffering than that for the women of India, a lasting memorial to her sympathy, influence, and organising capacity.

Before leaving the British College of Nurses, Lady Dufferin signed the distinguished visitors' book, and her signature will be one of those always treasured by the College.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

A large number of honours have been conferred by the King on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, on men prominent in various walks of life, on some women, mainly occupied in charitable and educational activities, and on a few trained nurses in various departments of nursing, and midwifery is recognised in the Diplomatic List. They are :—

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

THE ARMY.

O.B.E. Military Division.

Collins, Miss Ethel Rose, R.R.C., Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, The War Office.

CIVIL AWARDS

D.B.E.

Still, Miss Alicia Frances Jane Lloyd, C.B.E., R.R.C., President of the International Council of Nurses. Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital.

M.B.E.

Cullwick, Miss Fannie Amelia, Matron, Monyhull Mental Deficiency Colony.

Lambert, Miss Sarah Jane, R.R.C., County Nursing Superintendent and Inspector of Midwives, Isle of Wight.

MacLeod, Miss Jean, Matron, Newcastle-on-Tyne Mental Hospital.

DOMINIONS LIST.

CIVIL DIVISION.

C.B.E.

Piché, Très Honorée Mère Marie-Anna, Supérieure Générale des Sœurs de la Charité de l'Hôpital Général, "Sœurs Grises" de Montreal, Dominion of Canada.

M.B.E.

Power, Miss Jane, lately Matron of the Mental Diseases Hospital, State of Tasmania.

Stone, Sister Constance, R.R.C. For nursing services in the Northern Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia.

INDIA OFFICE LIST.

M.B.E. Civil Division.

Greenwood, Mrs. Annie Maria, Matron, British Military Families Hospital, Hyderabad, Sind, Bombay.

AWARDS OF THE KAISER-I-HIND MEDAL OF THE FIRST CLASS.

Benjamin, Miss Lena Adell, Superintendent, American Baptist Mission Hospital for Women and Children, Nellore, Madras.

Sullivan, Reverend Mother Mary Columba, Superioress, St. Joseph's Presentation Convent, Quetta, Baluchistan.

ROYAL RED CROSS, SECOND CLASS.

Wilson-Green, Miss Margaret Alice, Lady Superintendent, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, in recognition of the special devotion to duty and competency displayed by her in the performance of her nursing duties in India.

DIPLOMATIC LIST.

M.B.E. Civil Division.

Wolff, Miss Mabel Elsie, Inspectress of Midwives, Sudan.

DOMINIONS LIST.

K.B.E.

We observe with very great pleasure the award of a K.B.E. to Dr. Frederick Grant Banting, D.Sc., LL.D., M.D., of the Dominion of Canada, the discoverer of insulin. We could wish that his outstanding service to humanity had been recognised by an even higher honour.

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