

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 115 nurses as Queen's Nurses. Of these, 88 received their district training in training homes in England, 7 in Wales, 18 in Scotland and 2 in Dublin.

Reference was made last month, says *The Canadian Nurse*, to the specially bound copy of the Programme of the Pageant offered to Her Majesty the Queen as a souvenir of the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association. Her gracious acknowledgment has been received, and its charming reference to the coincidence of the two Jubilees will be particularly gratifying to Canadian nurses:—

"Buckingham Palace.

"Lady Cynthia Colville presents her compliments to Miss Emory and is commanded by the Queen to thank her very much, together with the Canadian Nurses' Association which she represents, for the very attractive Silver Jubilee memento of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and which has arrived so appropriately in the year of the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties' reign! The Queen knows well the splendid work carried on by the Canadian nurses and congratulates them warmly on having reached the 25th anniversary of the foundation of their Association, and the kind thought of Miss Emory and of her fellow-members in desiring to present the Queen with a specimen of the Jubilee Souvenir has given Her Majesty very real pleasure."

Members of the Nursing Services of the Crown were allotted a certain number of seats to view the State drive through London on May 6th, and their Matrons-in-Chief were privileged to be present in St. Paul's Cathedral at the Thanksgiving Service—both wonderful and unforgettable experiences.

The authorities of the Putney Hospital were fortunate in their choice of a day for the opening of the new wing and nursing home. For the weather kept fine and warm, although the sun did not shed very much of its cheering beams on the assembled company and its royal visitor.

A large crowd was gathered outside the hospital to greet H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught when she arrived.

She was, after the usual presentations to the chief officers, conducted to the large marquee erected in the grounds, where were assembled the invited guests.

On the platform on either side of the Princess were seated the Lord Bishop of Kingston in his robes and carrying his Pastoral Staff, the Mayor of Fulham, also in his robes and wearing his chain of office, the Matron, Miss Mackenzie, the Chairman, and other officers.

Standing in the rear was a double row of the various grades of nurses, and also many V.A.D. helpers.

After prayer, offered by the Bishop, Nurse Bean, the senior nurse, presented the Princess with a magnificent bouquet of crimson roses.

The speakers were introduced by an imposing M.C. clad in scarlet uniform with the usual "Pray Silence."

The Chairman said there were three special reasons for specially welcoming the Princess. First that she was a member of our Royal Family, next that she was the wife of the President of the Hospital and also that she herself was a trained registered nurse.

The Princess, who looked charming in black with dark fur, and a rope of pearls, said in reply how much pleasure it gave her to be present and to open the Nurses' Home. She said that speaking as a nurse she knew how much nurses would appreciate working in such pleasant surroundings.

The senior surgeon spoke of the growth of the hospital, almost beyond recognition in the past 13 years and paid high tribute to the efficiency and organising powers of the matron. The next speaker proposing a vote of thanks to H.R.H. for her "charming act in coming to open the home," said that that very morning she had been busy in her nursing capacity at University College Hospital.

Then followed the presentation of purses, or to be more accurate, small bags of red tartan. As these were handed to the Princess in some cases by very small children, there were some amusing episodes, and all shades of homage, the Bishop and Princess coming to their assistance when in their confusion they were reluctant to part with their offerings.

After the Princess had performed the opening ceremony the guests were conducted round the hospital by the nursing staff.

The nurses' quarters looked comfortable, pretty and restful without extravagance, which is just as it should be.

The new theatre unit was the last word in efficiency, and included a shower bath for the surgeons should they so require.

The little mortuary Chapel in the grounds, showed a respect for the dead and sympathy for the bereaved. The surroundings of the hospital are ideal, abutting as it does on to Putney Common where, as the Chairman said, an open space was secured to them for all time.

The visitors were after the inspection entertained to tea in the marquee, having greatly enjoyed their kindly reception.

The Annual Report of the Nursing Branch of the Ranyard Mission (Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.1) is, as usual, an interesting publication. Established in 1868, the standard of training required of the nurses accepted on the staff has from time to time been raised, and is now a three years' certificate from a recognised training school and registration on the State Register. Many of the nurses also hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

It is very satisfactory that as the years go by more recognition is given to district nursing as a Public Health Service. The London County Council, for instance, has set aside £6,000 annually to be divided between the different nursing associations of London, and the share of the Ranyard Nurses in 1934 was £1,167 4s. 4d. This sum is intended to be a grant to help to pay for the care

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