

NURSING ECHOES.

In reply to a very large number of most kind enquirers, the Editor would like them to know that she is still kept in bed under very skilled treatment, which may continue for a few weeks.

She begs to warmly thank all those who have so kindly, during the past month, sent lovely flowers and kind letters; they have done much in restoring serenity of mind.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 125 nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 91 in England, 26 in Scotland, 2 in Wales, and 6 in Northern Ireland.

On July 25th, Her Majesty The Queen, journeyed to East Grinstead, a charming spot on the borders of Sussex, to open the new Plastic Surgery Centre at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

The addition of this Centre had been made possible by the generosity of Americans through the British War

The Queen said, in reply: "It constitutes a fresh example of the happy collaboration which during the past six years has brought our two peoples into a closer union than ever before."

All the valuable equipment for the Centre was made in this country, and most of the surgeons and staff are British.

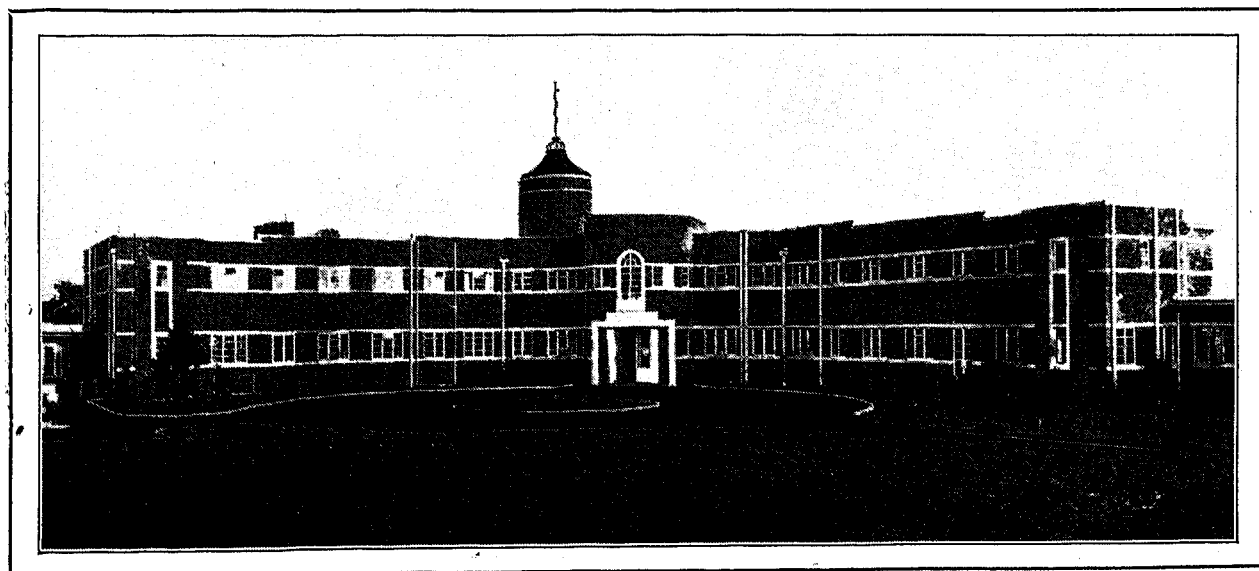
The cost of the new Centre was £97,000 and has been in use since last February.

It is our sincere hope that the efforts of all concerned may be crowned with success, and this home of healing spread new hope in the hearts of our injured brothers.

We are glad to learn that more girls are taking up hospital nursing. From the beginning of this year to June 10th, 12,460 began training compared with 10,004 in the same period last year—an increase of 25 per cent.

In 1945 the number of new nursing trainees was 22,841.

We hope these girls will take the complete training and qualify to become State Registered Nurses.



THE QUEEN VICTORIA COTTAGE HOSPITAL, EAST GRINSTEAD.

Relief Society of America, whose President, Mr. Clarke Minor, had specially flown the Atlantic to be present to hand the keys of the new building to the Queen.

The Canadian Government have also added a new wing to the Hospital in recognition of the treatment Canadian Servicemen received when wounded in the fight for the salvation of mankind during the recent war years.

Hundreds of Servicemen—especially airmen of many nations—were thankful during the war for healing by plastic surgery; amongst the patients had been some of the famous Battle of Britain pilots.

Miss C. H. Hall (the Matron) was amongst those who were presented to the Queen.

In handing over the keys of the Centre, Mr. Clarke Minor said that it was their hope that this building would remain throughout the years as a symbol of Anglo-American goodwill, a memorial of one of the greatest international co-operative efforts ever known in the world, and devoted to the relief of human suffering.

The Nurses' Christian Movement have recently held their Summer School at Ilkley on the Yorkshire moors, where 50 of their members gathered to pray and to look at the world's need and its remedy.

Speakers who were welcomed in their midst were Mrs. Fletcher Moorshead, the Very Rev. G. J. Tiarks, Dr. W. R. Maltby and Dr. D. Farrar; also present were Miss G. R. Simpson from Perulia, India, Miss M. Caverhill from Nyasaland, and Dr. Ronald Still from China.

The Staffordshire County Council has saved from demolition, Stowe House, a picturesque mansion near Lichfield Cathedral, and purchased it to be used as a Nurses' Home.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, at a meeting on July 11th, elected Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson as President for the sixth year. Sir Heneage Ogilvie and Sir Cecil Wakeley were elected Vice-Presidents.

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