

## Nursing Echoes.

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH, was indeed a red letter day for nurses when Her Majesty the Queen graciously attended a Reception at the English Speaking Union, convened by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which, incidentally, embraced representatives of all affiliated societies, and two affiliated bodies—the Association of Hospital Matrons and the Royal College of Nursing—to meet members of the International Council of Nurses from Overseas.

Her Majesty's charm was ever apparent as nurses from other countries, homeward bound from the Conference in Stockholm, as well as nurses from many parts of this Kingdom, were presented to her.

Leaving the Chapel, nurses and their friends assembled to witness the highlight of the afternoon—the tangible reward for a year's work well done.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Somerville Hastings, Esq., F.R.C.S., M.P., conducted the proceedings. The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, C.I., G.B.E., D.C.V.O., being invited to say a few words to the nurses before presenting medals and prizes, said that throughout the countries she had visited, she had come into contact with many nurses trained here, and she had found that British Nursing was held in the highest esteem by all peoples of the world, and India was looking to Britain for guidance in the future of her nursing. She looked forward to the day when all nurses would qualify for a university degree. The following nurses were then invited to accept their



Her Majesty The Queen speaking with delegates from India.

Her Majesty took tea with the hostesses, after which several other members of the profession were invited to speak with her at her table.

One Australian nurse is taking back home with her two carnations from amongst the flowers that decorated Her Majesty's tea table, which, we are sure, will be a treasured token of her visit to Stockholm, and subsequently her short stay in this country.

MATRON and Nursing Staff of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, were genial hostesses on the occasion of their Annual Reunion and Prizegiving, which took place in the hospital on the afternoon of Thursday, July 14th.

The proceedings were opened by a well-attended service in the Hospital Chapel, where the singing of the hymns and psalm was led by members of the Nursing Staff, one of whom most successfully read the lesson; the Chaplain to the Hospital, the Rev. Cann, gave a short address upon the part nurses can play in the healing of the sick, and the methods by which they should approach their patients.

medals and prizes, and each received words of encouragement from their distinguished visitor:—

*George F. Marshall Gold Medal*: Nurse M. Peach. *Ladies' Association Silver Medal*: Nurse D. E. Robinson. *Hospital Bronze Medal*: Nurse R. Macalister-Hall. *Rosamund Fowler Prizes*: Nurse I. Nicholson, Nurse M. T. Connolly, Nurse V. Rhodes. *Anatomy & Physiology Prizes*: Nurse A. Wright, Nurse B. Welch. *First Year Examination Prize*: Nurse D. M. Williams, Nurse E. Evans. *Student Nurses' Association*: Tennis Cup, Sister Bryant and Nurse King; Runners Up, Sister Bowler and Nurse Ellingworth.

Lady Peto, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ladies' Association, spoke of the work of the Association and of the happy partnership with the hospital authorities.

V. B. Green-Armitage, Esq., F.R.C.O.G., then entertained the assembly with extracts from letters he had received from patients, which were not all of a complimentary nature. He often had his listeners convulsed with laughter.

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