

Nursing Echoes.

WE SEND OUR CORDIAL WISHES to all our readers that the New Year may bring them contentment in selfless devotion to their sick patients, and happiness in their role of Ministering Angels.

Our offices have been gay with greeting cards from friends from many corners of the earth, always so deeply appreciated as the Christmas Season draws near.

FROM ALL SIDES WE HEAR of very successful entertainments provided by the nurses for their patients. Much hard work is always put into these efforts and much spare time devoted to these tasks.

Not least amongst these was that of "The Sleeping Beauty," performed by the Nursing Staff of St. George-in-the-East Hospital, Wapping, and much enjoyed during the festive season by an appreciative audience.

The accompanying picture shows the caste at the Finale.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to send an annual subscription of £1,000 for 1951 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

The Fund has received a further instalment of £100,000 from the Nuffield Trust for the Special Areas. It will be recalled that in founding this Trust Lord Nuffield provided that any sums that might be available by way of repayment of loans or otherwise from his Trust for the Special Areas should pass to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

A total sum of £1,350,000 has now been received.

DAME KATHERINE WATT, recently retired Chief Nursing Adviser to the Ministry of Health, left London recently to lecture for the British Council on nursing services in Syria, the Jordan, the Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan, Burma, Siam and Singapore. She will be away until February or March.

The purpose of her tour is to assist in the development of nursing services and she will meet authorities responsible for them, ministers of health and World Health Organisation officials (in Egypt), renewing contacts

made during a similar very successful tour a year ago and advising on subsequent development.

Last year Dame Katherine Watt, who received her early general training in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal of the International Red Cross.

MISS MABEL LAWSON, a Deputy Chief Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health, left on January 4th for a four weeks tour of Italy to speak on the British nursing services. Her visit is sponsored by the British Council.

Miss Lawson will address members of the medical and nursing professions in Italy as well as administrators in the Italian hospital and public health services; she will deal in some detail with nurses' training including post certificate training, and describe the public health nursing services in this country. Her talks will be in Italian and she will be speaking twice in Palermo, Naples, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Bologna, Milan and Turin.

The British Council have asked Miss Lawson to begin her work with two talks in Malta on her way out. While in Italy her arrangements will be organised by the Italian Association of Nurses and the Italian Red Cross.

A member of the Ministry of Health since the formation of the Nursing Division in

1941, Miss Lawson has had wide experience in both the practical and administrative aspects of nursing.

MISS EDNA JACKSON, R.S.C.N., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. R.S.I., has been appointed a Deputy Chief Nursing Officer of the Ministry of Health, in succession to Mrs. E. Harman, who has resigned following her marriage.

Miss Jackson's duties cover a wide field of public health nursing, particularly in relation to mothers and young children, midwifery, home nursing and the preventive health services, which are the responsibility of the Local Health Authorities.

Early in 1950, Miss Jackson was seconded to the World Health Organisation for a short period as a member of a team of experts appointed to enquire into conditions affecting displaced mothers and young children in transit to Australia.



The Final Scene in "The Sleeping Beauty" at St. George-in-the-East Hospital, Wapping.

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