

THE QUEEN WITH NURSES

In the Nurses Home Common Room of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, the Queen, who has been president of the hospital for 20 years, is to address the nursing staff before presenting annual awards.

① I am very grateful indeed for your welcome and for kind reference to the king. I am glad to say that he continues to make most excellent progress, and I am assure you, too, that the sympathy and goodwill by which we have been surrounded has been the greatest support to us both during these anxious days. We live in troubled times and it is only by the service of each of us and everyone doing their best that we shall find our way to a happier world. The nurses of St. Mary's are indeed playing their part and I am very glad now to hand them their medals and prizes.

To Nurse Joyce Harvey goes the Gold Medal. St. Mary's trained nurses stand high in the regard of their profession.

There is a long list to go through but the Queen, who devotes so much of her time to visiting hospitals, has a word of encouragement, and a warm, friendly smile for each and everyone.