

admirable results. An account has been sent to me of one of the latest outgrowths from the scheme.

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THE Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, which has been founded on the initiation of Mr. T. Vincent Jackson, as a memorial of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign in Wolverhampton, was opened about a fortnight ago in the presence of a large number of friends. The Committee have succeeded in obtaining very suitable and commodious premises, and as the want of such an establishment has long been felt in the neighbourhood—the nearest institutions from which Trained Nurses in times of need could be hitherto obtained being Birmingham, Derby, and Stoke—there is every reason to believe that it will become as successful as its promoters could desire. Miss Louisa Wenham, a lady who has had great experience in connection with such institutions, has accepted the position of Lady Superintendent, but, like many other movements which have grown with the work that has had to be accomplished, the Victoria Institution will commence its operations on a scale commensurate with the funds at the disposal of the Committee.

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It is not intended to train Nurses. It will only be a home for Nurses who have already received sufficient instruction to enable them to be sent with the utmost confidence where their services are required, and at first five or six Nurses will be kept in residence. The premises are, however, large enough for a considerable increase over this number, and it is hoped in time, when the income will allow, to maintain a staff of District Nurses, whose work will be principally amongst the poor. A distinguished list of patrons and patronesses has been secured, including the Mayor of Wolverhampton (Councillor F. E. Manby), the Earl and Countess of Dartmouth, the Earl and Countess of Bradford, the Bishop of Lichfield, and the Hon. Mrs. Maclagan, Lord and Lady Lyttleton, Lord and Lady Hatherton, Sir Thomas and Lady Boughy, Sir Charles and Lady Clifford, the Members for the three divisions of the borough, the Mayors of Walsall and West Bromwich, and a number of leading residents in the neighbourhood. Many of the principal gentlemen in the neighbourhood connected with the Medical profession have joined the Medical Committee of Reference, and the Committee of the Institution are Mr. T. Vincent Jackson (Chairman), the Rev. J. T. Jeffcock, R.D., the Rev. G. Duckett, R.D., Messrs. J. L. Gibbons, W. Giles, and C. C. Smith. The report of the Committee, from which the following is an extract, was read at the meeting.

“DURING the mayoralty of T. V. Jackson, Esq., in the Jubilee year 1837, a fund was raised to celebrate and commemorate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's auspicious reign. This amount was apportioned to the local festivities, the Imperial Institute, and on the suggestion of the Mayor, to a Nurse's Institution, which he considered the best way of perpetuating, for years to come, the memory of our noble Queen, by thus founding an Institution for the purpose of enabling women to minister to suffering humanity. For this object the Mayor headed the subscription list with £100, and collected altogether £571 7s. 8d., which, with interest, £17 4s., makes a total now of £588 11s. 8d. The next step was to try and obtain Her Majesty's permission to call this prominent Jubilee Memorial after herself, which request she graciously granted, hence our title, The Queen Victoria Nursing Institution.” After an explanation why the opening has been so long deferred, the report goes on—“Another good result of biding our time has been that the committee has been enabled to secure the able and experienced services of Miss Louisa Wenham as Lady Superintendent, who so skilfully organised a kindred Association, and who has come to us with ripened experience and judgment to do all that in her lies to launch and carry on our Institution successfully.”

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“THE object of the ‘Queen Victoria Nursing Institution’ is three-fold:—First, to provide Medical, Surgical, and Monthly Nurses for private families; secondly, so far as generous aid and subscriptions flow in, to supply gratuitously Nurses for the sick poor at their own homes; thirdly, to set apart one or more rooms for the reception of paying patients of either sex, who, from various causes, find it better to be removed to a quiet home, where they can be attended by their own Medical man, and carefully Nursed. With regard to the first, we were encouraged by the assurance from every quarter that the demand greatly exceeds the supply, hence a strong plea for the need of this effort to fill up that which is lacking. The second object is far the most urgent, and speaks in Apostolic language eloquently to us all, ‘Only they would that ye should remember the poor.’ We are proud to see England taking the lead in this glorious work under the benign influence of her Queen, and the personal superintendence of her Royal Princesses—Princess Christian having lately established a Nursing Association for the poor of Windsor. If those of our friends who can afford will only extend to us their sympathy and contributions, we hope to send on the wings of love one or two ministering angels.”

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