

Nursing Echoes.

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THE QUEEN has become patron of the Up-Country Nursing Association for the Europeans in India, and has sent a donation of £25 in aid of its funds.

THE annual meeting of the rural district branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for providing trained Nurses for the sick poor in their own homes was held at

Grosvenor House a few days ago. The Duke of Westminster presided, and among others present were Lord HALSBURY, Sir E. and Lady SIEVEKING, the Countess of ANCASTER, the Dowager Countess of ELLESMERE, Lady KENSINGTON, and Lady EVELYN SUTTON. In their annual report the committee stated that many new districts had been formed in various parts of England and Wales, but the supply of rural district Nurses was still unequal to the demand. For this branch 34 Nurses had been under training since March, 1892, of whom 29 had already been sent to new districts. In some places the Nurses had found time to give some simple lessons in hygiene and sanitation to their village neighbours, and the Committee hoped this example would be followed whenever possible. An appeal was made for continued and increased support. The year's income had been £1,330, and the expenditure amounted to £1,250. The Duke of WESTMINSTER moved a resolution declaring that the work of the branch was deserving of every support. He said that what had been done already was most satisfactory, but he hoped the public would increase it by giving additional funds. A friend of his had offered to give £100 a year if others would do likewise. He would follow this example, and he commended it to other landowners who had not lost all their wealth. The branch now supplied 60 districts, and many other districts had Nurses locally supported; but he hoped to see the work extend till it covered the whole country. The resolution was seconded by Lord HALSBURY, and was carried. Mr. G. E. MARTIN moved a resolution expressing approval of the plan on which the branch was working. The Charity Commissioners, he pointed out, were now willing to consider schemes for converting the old dole

charities into methods for improving the Nursing of the poor. Mr. Martin added that the Nurses paid on an average over 2,000 visits per annum. The resolution was seconded by Lady VICTORIA LAMBTON, who gave details of the working of the scheme in villages. The motion having been carried, the meeting dispersed.

THE Scottish papers contain long accounts of the meetings which have been held in Edinburgh in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association. At the great meeting held on the 1st inst., a number of those present complained of the unscrupulous manner in which they had been deceived as to the objects and work of the Association, and Professor GAIRDNER, of Glasgow, wrote: "I hope things are bound to settle down now over the controversies which London has managed to breed up about a most noble and praiseworthy undertaking to the no small confusion and perplexity of us provincials."

It is reported that all the leading medical men in Scotland are joining the R.B.N.A., and are bringing in with them the Matrons and Nurses of their Hospitals. The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, is making a strenuous effort to keep outside the movement, but how much its Nurses will lose by their isolation remains to be seen. The same news reaches us from different parts of London and the Provinces, and I hear that the Matrons of many of our largest Hospitals are applying for membership—very naturally anxious not to be outside the Royal Chartered Corporation.

I HEAR that the Royal Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association was passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom on June 6th, a day which should be kept in memory by all trained Nurses as the commencement of a new era for their profession. I have had many letters asking whether the Charter is to be celebrated in some public manner, and the matter might well be brought to the notice of the managers of the Association. I cannot but think that it would be popular with a large section of the members if something were done to commemorate the important event. Besides which, as the Association has already very wisely proved, there is no better advertisement of a Society's existence, and no better means of securing publicity for its work than a largely attended public "function."

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