

Nursing Echoes.

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IT is proposed, subject to the Queen's permission, to provide a nurse for Westminster, to be known as the Queen Victoria nurse, as a commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty.

THE Queen has conferred the Royal Red Cross upon Army Sister Sarah Elizabeth Oram, who, during the recent campaign in the Soudan, rendered very valuable services to the sick and wounded soldiers.

WE have the pleasure to acknowledge a donation of one guinea from Mrs. John Croft Deverell for the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, which she visited on Saturday.

WE feel sure that many of those who pay an annual visit to the Home of Rest at Brighton will rejoice to learn that, owing primarily to the generosity of Mrs. Lionel Lucas and other constant friends, the donations and subscriptions amount to upwards of £700 for 1896. It should be borne in mind, however, that the Committee are very anxious to obtain and invest £5,000, so that an income of £200 will be secured for the maintenance of the Home, and we should greatly value additional financial help this year.

WE are informed that Miss Josephine de Pledge has resigned her seat on the Journal Sub-Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

WE are glad to learn that nursing progress is being quietly effected at Guy's Hospital, and quite lately an increase of nurses on night duty has been sanctioned.

THE increase of accommodation for the nursing staff at the London Hospital by the opening of the new Nurses' Home, has enabled the Committee to sanction a scheme for an increase in the hours off duty of the Sisters and nurses. We all know how much Mr. Sydney Holland, the new Chairman, has the subject of shorter hours' work for nurses at heart, and we have

no doubt that his Charter of Liberty for Nurses will soon be in operation at the London Hospital.

IT is to be feared that the suggestion to commemorate the Queen's reign by founding a pension fund for Irish nurses, will be superseded by the Jubilee Fund. We fear Ireland is not sufficiently flourishing to support both suggestions.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—

"The staff of the Institution of Trained Nurses, at Leicester, and many of the old nurses who have left, joined in presenting their lady superintendent, Miss Tanner, with a silver card-case, as a parting gift of love and gratitude, and as an expression of the deep sorrow they felt in losing her. They one and all owe her a deep debt of thanks for the great kindness and consideration she has always shown them; when in any doubt or difficulty they could always go to her and were sure of her good counsel and advice. In her the nurses lose a true friend, her place it will be impossible to fill, and they trust their gift will remind her of true and loyal hearts when she and they are separated."

WE are very sorry to hear that during the recent gales the roof of one of the wards of the Bridgewater Infirmary fell in, and much damage was done. Most happily no lives were lost, though every bed was full, but the bedsteads and furniture were much injured. Mrs. Okell, the energetic matron of this well-managed hospital, has worked untiringly to bring the condition of the wards up to the modern standard, and it will be remembered that some little time ago she held a most successful bazaar for this purpose. We are sure that many of our readers will wish to condole with Mrs. Okell on the disastrous occurrences of last week.

THE annual meeting of the Swansea and South Wales Nursing Institute received a very satisfactory report of the year's work. It was announced that a kind and anonymous friend had offered to bear the entire expense of a second district nurse, whose time is to be devoted to midwifery cases. The Committee also announced that two adjacent houses had been secured, thrown into one, carefully repaired and re-decorated, to form a most commodious home capable of housing thirty to forty nurses. Mrs. Llewellyn had given a munificent gift of £500 towards the expenses of opening the new institution.

THE statement made at the annual meeting of the Middlesborough Nursing Association was a record of good work done during the past year. During the year the nurses attended 631 cases, and paid 18,636 visits. The report read by Mr.

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