

News from Scotland.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, held at the Training Home, 29, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, a very satisfactory report was presented, of which we have received a copy by the courtesy of Miss Guthrie Wright, the Hon. Secretary. Sheriff Guthrie, Q.C., presided at the meeting. The Council of the Institute state in their report that mere statistics can give but an inadequate idea of the immense amount of suffering relieved, of improved hygienic surroundings, and of homes made brighter and more healthy by the visits of the district nurses in Edinburgh, and in the various districts throughout the country where Queen's nurses have been engaged from the Scottish District Training Home. Many expressions of deep-felt thankfulness reached the nurses and the superintendent from patients and their friends for the benefits they had received, and of gratitude and devotion to the Queen for having founded the Institute, or, as it was often expressed, for "sending us her nurses." During the year ending 31st October, 1900, thirteen candidates entered the Training Home for the required month of probation before receiving hospital training. Of these, two failed. Thirty probationers who had received hospital training entered Association) eight nurses entered for district training. Thirty-five nurses completed their full training as Queen's nurses in Edinburgh—an increase of two on the previous year. In the Higginbotham Home (Glasgow Sick Poor and Private Nursing Association) eight nurses entered for district training during the year; ten completed their training. In the Paisley Home one nurse entered; two completed training. In Dundee, one entered and completed training. During the year five nurses received three months' training in the Edinburgh City Hospital, and two nurses received three months' training in the Glasgow Maternity Hospital. On the 31st October, 1900, the Scottish Council were responsible for fifty-two nurses and probationers. During the year 28 nurses had, on completion of their training, been engaged from the Home by the local committees, 16 had resigned—three for hospital appointments, five for private nursing, one for Army nursing, one for work abroad, three to be married, one on account of health, and two were transferred to England. There are now 199, Queen's Nurses in Scotland working under 111 Associations. Miss Wade, the Superintendent, and Miss Cooper, have made 156 inspections of single

nurses and small Homes during the year, and have reported to the Executive Committee.

In moving the adoption of the Report, the Chairman stated that the Institute nurses were working from Shetland in the north to Wigtown in the south. With regard to finance, he said that nothing was more dangerous than endowment, and he was afraid that it was for this reason that legacies had, so far, not come their way. In the future, however, they would need financial help more than ever, as they contemplated an extension of the system of Queen's nurses in parts of the country where, owing to the poverty of the people, they would not be able locally to support the nurses.

Dr. Bannermann said that it was a pity that the excellent work of the Institute should suffer for want of support. The people of Edinburgh willingly subscribed to the South African Hospital Fund, and the inference was that the claims of the Nurses' Institute were not pressed on the public in the way that they ought to be.

The work of the Scottish Branch of the Queen's Jubilee Institute has attained so high a standard of excellence under Miss Wade's able supervision, that it is worthy of all the support and encouragement that a generous public can accord to it.

The Dublin Nurses' Club.

INAUGURAL MEETING.

THE inaugural meeting of the Nurses' Club in Dublin, held on the premises at 3, St. Stephen's Green, was a great success. Since its inception, 400 nurses have already joined the Club, and of these about 250 were present, as well as 60 medical men.

Miss Huxley, the President, occupied the chair, and in offering a cordial welcome to those present, said she was glad to see so many members of the medical profession, as it proved their interest in this new movement started by the nurses for their own benefit. She hoped that the medical profession would be indirectly benefitted by improvement in the nurses' work—such improvement as might be expected as the result of mutual help and combined effort. (Applause.)

Miss Hampson, the Hon. Secretary, then read letters of apology from those unable to be present. Sir Thornley Stoker wrote that he believed the establishment of the club would meet a long-felt want, and that he would feel it a privilege to further its objects in any way in his power. Dr. Haughton and Dr. Meldom also wrote expressing their good wishes, the latter saying that he had long thought that such a club should be started in Dublin.

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