

Nursing Echoes.

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Countess Howe has, as president of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospitals Committee, received a splendid presentation to mark "the appreciation of her untiring devotion in the services of the sick and wounded in the South African campaign." The gift is in the form of a casket of massive silver, supported on heavy monograms; the signatures of the medical staff attached to the Yeomanry hospitals being engraved on three sides, and the hospital crest reproduced in raised gold and silver work on the lid. The casket, a fine example of artistic argenterie, contains an ostrich-feather fan of surpassing beauty, the frame being of mother-of-pearl, on which the Imperial Yeomanry crest again appears. Special significance is added to the fan by the fact that the feathers of which it is composed had all been specially selected in South Africa for the purpose.

Miss Rosalind Paget, late inspectress of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses, has been elected as representative of the policy-holders of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, and to the Matrons' Advisory Committee of the Benevolent Fund, in place of Miss Mary E. Shirley, of the Staffordshire Institution of Nurses, whose recent death was such a shock to many loving friends.

Lady Tate has promised the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses a capital sum sufficient to provide the services of a Queen's nurse for the district of Silvertown. The gift is intended to perpetuate the memory of the late Sir Henry Tate.

The Metropolitan Nursing Association held its annual meeting at Grosvenor House, and it was reported that during 1901, seventeen nurses completed six months' district training, and eight were left at the end of the year. All the nurses had received before admission two or more years in an approved general hospital or infirmary, and on completion of their district training obtained appointments under the Queen's Jubilee Institute,

with the service of its affiliated Associations. During the present year 1,285 patients had been attended. It is to be regretted that during the course of the last twelve months the income has fallen short of the expenditure by about £270. In addition to other things, the expenses under the heading of rent, rates, taxes, and insurances were increased by nearly £150. The total receipts for donations and subscriptions, and payments for Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institution, including balance brought forward, and excluding £200 repaid from the building account, amounted to £1,398. The Association is in debt to its bankers to the extent of about £150, so there is urgent need for fresh annual subscriptions and donations to enable the Association to carry on its important and most useful work unhampered. We hope it will come in for a little Coronation cash.

One of the most interesting items of business at a recent meeting of the Shoreditch Board of Guardians was the presentation by the Chairman of the parchment certificates awarded to the Nurses who successfully passed the examination after three years' training as probationers. The successful candidates were Misses A. M. McCutcheon, F. J. Radcliffe, E. Deily, A. Dudley, E. Debenham, M. A. Stevens, and H. M. Chenery. To the first two nurses in order of merit prizes were awarded by the Chairman of the Board, consisting of a useful manual on nursing work and a neat case of instruments, and the common seal of the Board was affixed to all the certificates. In congratulating the nurses upon their success, the Chairman wished them prosperity in their noble calling, adding that the Guardians were highly gratified with the results of the examination.

In consequence of the heavy work entailed on the nursing staff of the Mile-end Infirmary, as the result of the recent outbreak of small-pox at the institution, the guardians have decided to give the whole of their nurses engaged at the infirmary an additional week's holiday.

It is not to the credit of Brighton that five of the Queen's Nurses have had to be dispensed with, owing to lack of funds. Such a splendid institution is deserving of all support, and a very little of the overflow of Brighton's wealth in this direction would mean much comfort to the sick and poor.

The East Preston Guardians have not yet appointed a superintendent nurse in the place of Miss M. F. Rogers, who was compulsorily resigned last year. We fear the Local Govern-

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