

Nursing Echoes.

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Miss Henrietta Wedgwood, R.R.C., late Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, was presented at the Annual Court of Governors last week with a silver salver, as a mark of appreciation of her services. The Earl of Sandwich said that it was with great regret that the authorities had accepted the resignation of Miss Wedgwood, who had worked for them

long and efficiently.

A meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held at the offices of the Institute, 120, Victoria Street, last week. The members present included the President (the Rev. the Master of St. Katherine's), Mr. Henry Bonham-Carter, Mr. Harold Boulton, Mr. T. Bryant, F.R.C.S., the Rev. Dacre Craven, Mr. J. E. Greaves, Mr. W. G. Rathbone, Mr. A. Williamson, Lady Selborne, Lady Mary Howard, Amy Lady Tate, Lady Dimsdale, Mrs. Theodore Acland, Mrs. George Byron, and Miss R. Paget. The reappointment of the Council for the ensuing three years by the Queen was reported. Mr. Harold Boulton was re-elected hon. treasurer and Mr. W. G. Rathbone as hon. secretary of the Institute. The various committees for the year having been appointed, a discussion took place as to the advisability of school nursing being undertaken by Queen's nurses in the elementary schools, and it was agreed to make a representation to the Board of Education, pointing out the advantages to the children and to the community if this work were carried out by Queen's and other fully-trained nurses.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Willesden Cottage Hospital, the Council recorded their appreciation of the experience and kindly efficiency with which Miss Frost had conducted the responsible duties of Matron and senior resident officer at the hospital. They regretted exceedingly to add that she had deemed it necessary to resign. Miss Frost had been the resident head of the hospital since it was first started, and had always discharged her duties with conspicuous ability, tact, and devotion. She had also been such a generous contributor to the hospital that three years ago she was elected to be one of the vice-presidents.

A meeting was held last week at Exeter Castle,

under the presidency of Lord Clifford, with the object of establishing in connection with the Midwives' Act an emergency nursing home for Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, also a training institution for nurses in those three counties. Seven hundred pounds have already been raised by the Devonshire Nursing Association, affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, London. A superintendent has been appointed, and a committee has been formed to carry out the objects desired, which, as we understand them, are to train village midwives, and to give them some instruction in first-aid nursing, so that nursing attention of this description may be available in every village.

The Committee of the Sunderland Nursing Institute have met for the last time, and have now handed over the work of the Institute to Miss Aldis and Miss Tyler, who have managed the institute for the last two years. To them the trustees have made over the Institute at a time when its usefulness is fully recognised by the public and its prosperity assured. The money consideration which the trustees receive is to be devoted to the nursing of the sick poor, which was one of the objects for which the Nursing Institute was originally established in 1888.

At the annual meeting of the General Board of Governors of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital Dr. Deanesly referred to the erection of the Nurses' Home, and said they must not forget that "men, not walls, make a city," and the *personnel* of a hospital was most important. The hospital ought to be such that it would be an advantage and a recommendation for a nurse to be connected with it. The real reason for the erection of a home was that the present quarters were not large enough. They wanted at least fifty nurses, and the staff was constantly and chronically overworked. For the lack of more nurses the result of an out-patients' day was very often chaos. He considered the out-patients had increased out of all proportion to the population, and although a great part of the increase was legitimate, a great many cases were not. The time was coming soon when every hospital would have to face this question seriously, and take some means of preventing people from imposing on subscribers and medical men who gave their services for nothing.

Mr. Theo B. Ellis said at the annual meeting of the Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses that in connection with the District Nursing Branch, 1,961 cases had been attended by the nurses during the year. The nurses had paid about 40,000 or 50,000 visits, which was a very large number, and showed that each nurse had paid something like 4,000 or 5,000 visits. He was of the opinion that the work done by the nurses could not be set down in figures, however. The total expenditure.

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