

Nursing Echoes.

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Viscount Goschen presided at a meeting of the Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, at which it was reported that Amy Lady Tate had added, in memory of her late husband, the sum of £1,000 to the fund inaugurated by him for helping Queen's Nurses temporarily incapacitated by sickness. Lady Tate's new gift is to be specially apportioned to Queen's Nurses requiring treatment for tubercular complaints. It was also reported that a legacy of £956 had been received from the estate of Lord Grimthorpe.

On the 17th inst., Mr. Hudson Kearley, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, presented the prizes to the students and nursing probationers of the London Hospital, and congratulated the college on its large percentage of successes in its various departments. He rejoiced that amongst their other good work they were doing so well in the new opsonic department for the treatment by inoculation of tuberculosis, carbuncle, and other diseases.

Mr. Hudson Kearley stated that as first class scientific education was so expensive it could not be self-supporting, and he regretted the college had no endowment.

The Hon. Sydney Holland (chairman of the hospital) said that of 119 nurses who had gone in for the examinations, 114 had passed, 27 of them getting three-quarters of the whole marks. Every year 100 probationers of the hospital became trained nurses, and of the 88 who left last year many had gone to distant parts of the world. There were 213 nurses on the private staff, and last year they nursed 2,000 private cases. The "Marie Celeste" nurses had nursed 3,000 women in their confinements during the past two years. Eighty midwives were trained last year. The building operations of the hospital were now completed, at a cost of £500,000, and all that remained to be done was to place upon the

pedestal the statue of their president, Queen Alexandra.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Kearley, and the company then proceeded to inspect the hospital, the college, the nurses' home, and some special exhibits.

It may be excess of feminine curiosity, but we own we should like to see a copy of the Private Nursing Department balance sheet. It would be interesting to know just how much the nurses earned, and how much they were paid, also what is the nett profit to the hospital on their labour, and how many probationers were sent out in their third year instead of completing their training in the wards. No doubt some fine day the London Hospital Committee will do as that of St. Bartholomew's and the London Homœopathic Hospitals have done, and arrange for its nurses to work on the co-operative plan if they choose, taking their own earnings and paying the hospital a small percentage on them. A nurse's working and earning life is very short.

In May last, Lady Alice Ashley, whose husband is the Chairman of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, laid the foundation stone of the new Nurses' Home, which is now in course of construction, an extension which is absolutely necessary for the well being of the Hospital.

On July 18th and 19th, a splendid fête and bazaar was held in the Palace grounds of Wolvesey, at which the Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein took an active part. Miss Carpenter Turner presented a magnificent bouquet of Marechal Niel roses to the former at the opening ceremony.

All who took part in the fête are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm and zeal they displayed from first to last. The hope of the organisers was to have cleared £1,000 as the result of the effort, but we understand that the gross takings have amounted to about £780.

An isolation hospital and a nurses' home are both urgently needed in connection with the Leicester Infirmary, and as there is not money for both at present we are glad to see the Committee have decided to build the Home first. Extravagance is not to be permitted, but it is intended to give the nurses every comfort, and the Home will cost £25,000.

The Lady Superintendent and the nurses, assisted by a large Committee of ladies, are all very busy preparing for the great bazaar,

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