

duty to acquaint you with this decision, which we hope may be an encouragement to you to continue your work under the same conditions.

Accept, Mademoiselle, the assurance of our regard.

For the Committee,
The Mayor of Bordeaux, President,
BOURNE.

It must be extremely gratifying to Dr. Anna Hamilton to see her splendid pioneer work for nursing reform in France, at the Maison de Santé Protestante, Bordeaux, bearing fruit in the successful establishment of modern methods of nurse training in an important civil hospital by the municipality of Bordeaux, and to know that pupils of the Maison de Santé and of the Tondu Hospital, are carrying these methods to different parts of France.

The Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses is circulating a letter, signed by influential members, appealing for increased support for the Institute, which states that the expenses of the work on its present inadequate scale, exceed the income by £3,000.

A great many of the former ideals as to the nurses' influence in improving the hygiene and moral conditions of the homes of the poor are being realised to-day, but continually new fields for the work of the Queen's Nurse are coming into view—the Midwives' Act alone, and the training in midwifery of skilled nurses, who, in a few years, will alone be legally qualified to act as certificated midwives, adds enormously to the demand for nurses. Again, the call for nurses to work in the elementary schools, under the Education (Administrative Provisions), 1907, Act, is already resulting in applications to existing nursing associations throughout the country to supply nurses for this purpose.

The writers say further: "We have authority for stating that Queen Alexandra, who has succeeded Queen Victoria as Commander-in-Chief of this great army of health bearers to the poor, takes the greatest interest in the welfare of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and it would afford her Majesty much pleasure to know that its funds have been placed on a permanent and satisfactory footing."

WELCOME HELP.

We beg to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the generous donation of £5 towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill from the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, and 5s. from Miss Crichton Stuart.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

At a general Court of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, held on Thursday, 5th inst., Lord Sandhurst, G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Hospital. Lord Sandhurst was also formally admitted a Governor of the Institution. Lord Sandhurst has some considerable experience of hospital affairs, as he acted as Chairman of the Select Committee of the House of Lords, appointed to inquire into Metropolitan Hospitals in 1890 and 1891, and he has also been Chairman of the Middlesex Hospital. Lord Sandhurst is a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Queen of Norway has permitted Prince Olaf to be patron of the *matinée* arranged by Mrs. Alfred Mond at the Playhouse Theatre, on November 26, in aid of the funds of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District on Saturday last letters were read from the St. Marylebone Borough Council stating that they were of opinion that the managers should provide accommodation for cases of erysipelas and puerperal fever, and from the Council of the Royal Borough of Kensington asking the Managers to consider the desirability of making such provision. The Board directed that the communications should be acknowledged. It is to be hoped they will take action.

The Earl of Derby has been informed by Lord Knollys that the King has signified his willingness to open the new Royal Infirmary at Manchester in July next. It is very fitting that Manchester's new Infirmary should receive this honour, and the people of the great city will welcome with pleasure the announcement. The Infirmary, we understand, will be opened for use shortly, but without ceremony.

At a recent meeting held at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Sir Arthur Heywood, Chairman of the Special Appeal Committee, mentioned the great need of a children's ward which Mr. Leslie Wright had kindly offered to build in memory of his late wife, and how, by transferring the children from the various wards to one special block, it would set free a number of beds for adult cases, which were very much needed. He urged that everything should be done to make it possible to take advantage of Mr. Leslie Wright's offer, and said that it was proposed to bring the question of the additional expenditure involved before the Governors at a special meeting to be held after the anniversary.

Miss Constance Adelaide Newton, of Mickleover, Derby, and of Jaffa, Palestine, has bequeathed £10,000 to the President of the Church Missionary Society to be applied as an endowment fund for the English Hospital at Jaffa.

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