

Nursing Echoes.



On his resignation as President of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, an office which he has held since its foundation, a presentation was last week made to the Rev. A. L. B. Peile, Master of St. Katherine's, on behalf of the members of the Council of the Institute. By kind permission of the Countess of Lonsdale, the ceremony took place at 14, Carlton House Terrace. The presentation, which took the form of a silver rose bowl, was made by Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), President of the Scottish Branch, and Princess Henry of Battenberg, also attended, and among others present were the Countess of Lonsdale, Viscount Goschen (Chairman of the Council), Mrs. George Byron (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Harold Boulton (Hon. Treasurer), Miss Amy Hughes (General Superintendent), and Miss A. Martin Leake (Secretary). The following words are inscribed on the stand of the bowl:—

“Presented by H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein on behalf of the subscribers to the Rev. Arthur L. B. Peile, M.A., Master of St. Katherine's Royal Hospital, President of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses from its foundation, September, 1889, to June 30th, 1908, as a slight token of their esteem, from his fellow-workers on the Council, and in recognition of the whole-hearted enthusiasm and untiring energy he has devoted to the Institute and through it to the sick and suffering poor of the United Kingdom. December 4th, 1908.”

There was a delightful show of garments made by the Nurses' Needlework Guild, for distribution to London hospitals at the Howard de Walden Home, W., on December 4th, when the Nurses' Co-operation gave an “At Home.” Miss L. Baker, Sister-in-Charge of the Home, takes the greatest interest in the Guild, and receives the work done by members and associates. The regulations of the Guild are most simple. Each member contributes one garment a year, and a subscription of sixpence, and associates—ladies who are not nurses—two garments, and one shilling annually. The result is that just when the cupboards of hospital Sisters are barest, they are replenished with stacks of warm and well made clothing,

supplied by this useful Guild. Any surplus money is spent on boots, boys suits, and shirts, most welcome of gifts. The Guild is fortunate in its Hon. Secretary, Miss Theobald, who is tireless in her efforts on its behalf. The garments on view last week numbered 522, and these were packed up in sacks at the close of the exhibition, and despatched to the following hospitals, and institutions, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Guy's Hospital, the London Hospital, the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., Brompton Hospital for Consumption, the Clapham Maternity Hospital, the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, N.E., the Central London Sick Asylum, Nazareth House, and the Metropolitan Convalescent Home, Broadstairs. The beautiful new floor, which has been laid in the restaurant, where the visitors were hospitably entertained by Miss Baker, Miss Gethen, Secretary to the Co-operation, and others, was greatly admired.

We record with much pleasure in another column the appointment of Miss E. M. Musson, Matron of the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, to the important position of Matron of the General Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Musson has liberal ideas on the question of nursing organisation, and, when in London, took an active part in the work of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League. It is certain, therefore, that she will take a deep interest in the work of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, which has already been established through the interest and energy of the late Matron, Miss M. E. Jones.

There is widespread regret that the resignation of Miss Jones should have been due to a breakdown in health. Miss Jones has for many years held arduous posts in the nursing world, and has never spared herself in order that the work of her department should be thoroughly efficient. We hope that relief from the anxieties necessarily entailed by the work of a Matron in a busy hospital, and a thorough rest will restore her health.

A conference of Matrons of the Isolation Hospitals throughout the West Riding was held at Wakefield last week. Lady Milnes-Gaskell, wife of the Chairman of the County Council, welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Ford, Chairman of the West Riding Sanitary Committee, Alderman Dunn, and Mr. Stott also spoke. Dr. Kaye, the county medical officer, explained the objects of the conference, which

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