

Nursing Echoes.

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THE Royal Red Cross has been graciously conferred by the Queen upon Sister Mary Aloysius for services to the sick and wounded.

THE Queen's Jubilee Institute is to have a prominent place in the nursing section of the forthcoming exhibition at Earl's Court.

The Scottish Council of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nurses are heartily supporting the appeal in commemoration of the Queen's reign. The fund originally provided for the Scottish branch of this great national work consists of £400 a year, but a much larger sum is necessary if the good work is to be extended to meet the needs of Scotland.

A SATISFACTORY report of the work done by the City of London Lying-in Hospital was given at the annual court of the Governors of the Hospital, at which Mr. Charles Gordon presided. The income for the year amounted to £4,487, while the expenditure was £3,507, so that £700 has been invested to increase the endowment fund. Four hundred and ninety-three women were delivered in the hospital, and 1,681 in their own homes. Forty-three midwives and fifty-eight monthly nurses have received training, and thirty-eight midwives presented themselves for the London Obstetrical Society's examination, and all received certificates of efficiency. There were no deaths among the mothers in the hospital, and four amongst the out-patients. We mention this latter fact because the percentage of deaths among the out-patients appears to us somewhat a high one; and we would also draw attention to the report which states that "the midwife pupils, under the supervision of the resident outdoor midwife, had attended 923 outdoor cases." Does this mean that pupil midwives attend outdoor cases alone, and send for the certificated midwife only when in difficulties, or are we to understand that one midwife supervises about two and a half cases every day all the year round? We scarcely think that this can be the case, as no woman could for any length of time stand the strain entailed by such hard work; but the practice of sending out uncertificated pupils

to attend lying-in women is a most indefensible one. We think, therefore, that it would be well if the hospital were to explain its rule in this matter.

At the annual meeting of subscribers of the Essex and Colchester Hospital great stress was laid by the chairman on the sincere regret of the committee at the resignation of Miss Brough, the matron. He remarked that "he could not speak in too high terms of the way in which she had managed her department, or of her special qualifications to superintend the nursing department."

A MOST satisfactory report of the work of the District Nursing Association at Bridgewater was presented at the annual meeting of the Society, at which the Hon. Mrs. Stanley presided. The maternity branch is a great feature of the work, and 71 cases were attended in the past year, 899 visits having been paid to the poor mothers in the town.

IN moving the adoption of the report at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Manchester Clinical Hospital, the Lord Mayor said that "he had been over the Hospital, and he was not using too strong a word, when he said he had been thrilled at the work done there, and with the admirable arrangements for the comfort and care of the patients." We know that this compliment to the nursing department is well deserved.

COMPLIMENTS seem the order of the day. We learn that the deficits at the Suffolk General Hospital, at Bury St. Edmunds, which amounted to £301, has decreased to £70 1s. 8d., mainly through the careful supervision of the nursing and domestic department. We congratulate Miss Mary Harris, the able matron, on her excellent management, and hope that this year of Jubilee will end with a substantial balance to the credit of the useful institution, the well-being of which she has so much at heart.

THE *South Wales Daily Star* prints the copy of a letter sent to the Swansea Guardians by the Reverend Father Fitzgerald, and the vulgar joke with which it was received by them. Father Fitzgerald writes as follows:—

St. Joseph's, Greenhill, Swansea,
February 15th, 1897.

DEAR REV. SIR,—Will the guardians kindly grant permission for the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent to visit the Catholic children in the Cottage Homes?

Yours sincerely,

C. J. FITZGERALD.

The Rev. J. Gomer Lewis, D.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Guardians.

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