

The Queen and the Hospitals.

LORD WIMBORNE, the Mayor of Poole, has made a proposal to the corporation, offering as a free gift to the town the house and grounds known as Poole Mansion, to be used for ever as a hospital. His lordship proposes that an endowment fund be started, and offers to head it with £1,000, making his offer worth £6,000. The corporation heartily approved of the scheme for celebrating the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign.

The Sister Dora Memorial Hospital at Milford, on Cannock Chase, containing eighteen beds, has now been open during thirteen seasons. It is almost always inconveniently full of patients, and it has established for itself a steady reputation as regards the healing properties of Chase air for surgical cases, and the recovery by the same means of patients in the early stages of lung disease. The hospital was built in memory of Sister Dora and her work for Staffordshire people in Walsall—partly by public subscription and partly with the proceeds of the sale of the book, "Sister Dora, a Biography." Miss Lonsdale now asks whether the county will take the main burden of supporting the place by freely subscribing to a "Jubilee Endowment Fund" for it, and we hope there will be a liberal response to her appeal.

At a public meeting lately held at Datchet, under the presidency of Mr. J. Heaton, chairman of the Parish Council, it was decided to secure a bed in the Windsor Royal Infirmary, to be called "the Datchet bed," in commemoration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign, and to provide, if sufficient funds can be raised, a tea and games for the village children in Ditton Park, should the use of the demesne be sanctioned for the celebration.

A strong effort is being made by the Press and kindred branches of the printing profession to commemorate the Queen's record reign. It is proposed to do this by raising at least £1,000 to pay off the debt on the Caxton Convalescent Home, at Limpsfield, Surrey. To further this end a concert will be given in the Queen's Hall, on Saturday, May 1st, of which further particulars will shortly be issued. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, and many influential firms, have already become patrons.

Sir William Gray intimated to the Mayor of West Hartlepool on Saturday that he will give £2,000 to help to build a hospital there in connection with the local commemoration of the Queen's long reign.

A donation of £3,000 has been made by Mr. W. Hartmann, of Tangle Mere, near Guildford, towards the fund being raised in the county of Surrey for the establishment of a convalescent home for women, in commemoration of Her Majesty's record reign. The Mayors of Guildford, Kingston, Godalming, Reigate, and Richmond have joined the provisional committee. Sir Whittaker Ellis has given £105, and Mr. Jeremiah Coleman £100 towards the project.

Professional Reviews.**"THE REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR 1897."**

THE Register has this year appeared in a new shade of colour, looking very blue, we should imagine, from the consciousness of the innumerable inaccuracies which it contains. No doubt many of them are due to the new regulation, that the verification slip formerly sent out annually to each registered nurse should be discontinued.

A casual glance through the pages of the new Register is sufficient to condemn the carelessness with which it has been compiled. That the name of one of the earliest members of the Association, Miss Mary Cadbury, late matron of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham—whose sad death was so widely and deeply deplored in the nursing, medical, and lay press—should still appear in the Register, is a proof of the absolute ignorance of the affairs of the Association, or the lack of real interest in the nurse members, which characterises the present official rule. The name of Margaret Pocock also again appears in the list, although, poor lady, she has been at rest for some years past. Miss E. J. W. de Wet, so long Sister Clinical at Guy's, has been in an enclosed Sisterhood at Ascot for some time. Miss Emily Dickenson left the National Hospital in 1893. Miss Clyde has been succeeded in the matronship at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, for nearly a year. Miss Amy Lang has been home from the Greek Hospital, Alexandria, for the same period of time. Miss Edith Mawe is no longer at Cairo, but holds a responsible position at home. There are nurses stated to be at St. Bartholomew's and St. John's House, who have left those institutions for nearly two years. Miss Mabel England, Miss Mary Ponsford and Miss Agnes Clifford Smith and others are no longer known by their maiden names, being long since married. But, *cui bono!* a Register of Nurses to be accurate, or of any value, must be carefully corrected annually by those who have the true interest of the matter at heart, and the present issue of the Register is only one more proof of the suicidal policy of depriving the matron members of the Association—who founded it and worked for its welfare—of all participation in the management of their own affairs, or supervision of their Register.

WE have received a copy of the third edition of "Osborn's Nursing Ambulance Lectures," published by H. K. Lewis, 136, Gower Street, London, price 2s. Mr. Osborn is surgeon to the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, and his lectures to the nurses at this hospital have been much appreciated; his experience and success in this respect therefore, place him in an exceptionally good position for writing the present course of lectures. Without committing ourselves to endorsing all the views expressed in this book, we commend it to our readers as containing much that is likely to be both of interest and use to them.

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