

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses—Scottish Branch.**ABSTRACT OF THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL'S QUARTERLY REPORT.**

1.—*Staff in Training Home.*—In consequence of the increased number of Branches and of Probationers in the Training Home, the Scottish Council have found it necessary to increase their staff. Miss Cowper has been appointed Assistant Inspector to Miss Wade, and Miss Myers, second Assistant in the Home.

2.—*Nurses and Probationers.*—The Scottish Council are directly responsible for five Queen's Nurses, twenty-four Queen's Probationers in various Hospitals for training, and eighteen District Probationers. Dr. Harvey Littlejohn and Dr. Milne Murray completed their courses of lectures on Hygiene and on Obstetrics. Twenty-six District Probationers were examined. Arrangements have been made for increased teaching of Cookery to the Probationers in the Training Home. During the three months ten nurses completed their training, and received appointments to Airdrie (second Nurse) Jedburgh, Port Glasgow (second nurse), Rothesay, Lochwinnoch, Hamilton (third nurse), Innerleithen, Loanhead, Killean, Wick.

3.—*New Branches.*—The Lanarkshire County Association has been affiliated and Loanhead.

Inspection.—Queen's Nurses at the following fifteen places have been inspected and reported on to the Executive Committee:—Shielbridge Kilchoan, Tree, Iona and Bunessan, Oban, Easdale, Ardrishaig, Inverary, Strachur, Islay, Tarbert, Campbeltown, Wemyss, Greenock, and Lerwick. The work continues to progress satisfactorily.

4.—*Work in Edinburgh.*—At the commencement of the three months

Cases on books . . . 283 | New cases 778
Visits paid 17,895.

Number of Scottish Branches at date 94, including three County Associations. Number of Queen's Nurses in Scotland, 164.

A Right Royal Honour.

THE German Emperor has conferred the Gold Medal of the First Class of the Red Cross on his eldest Sister, the Hereditary Princess of Meiningen, "in recognition of her successful, persistent, and indefatigable labours at the head of the Patriotic Society of Silesian Women." May many German women be similarly honoured. Many of them have done excellent work in connection with the Red Cross Society, both in the Franco-Prussian War, and in the recent Turko-Greek War. The creation of this Order, therefore, may be taken as a happy augury, that the worthy work of women in Germany will receive official recognition.

Victorian Order of Nurses.

THE Countess of Aberdeen, at the urgent solicitation of the Board of Guardians of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has consented to retain the Presidency. The Countess of Minto, the wife of the new Governor General, has been asked to become Honorary President of the Order.

Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund.

A NEW issue is just out of the Hospital Stamps, which were started at the Jubilee, on the suggestion of the *Daily Mail*, as a means of materially increasing the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund.

It is hoped that those who subscribed to the hospitals in this form in 1897, will renew their interest by purchasing this year's issue and bringing it to the notice of others. The 1898 stamps are of the following values and colours:—1s., red; 2s. 6d., blue; 5s., dark green; and 10s., bright green.

The lectures which have been given at public schools in connection with the Prince of Wales' "Appeal to the public school boys of England," have been provocative of much good. After a lecturer had visited Shrewsbury School no less than five dozen of the Hospital Stamp Albums were purchased at once by the boys.

It is by the annual purchase of Hospital Stamps that His Royal Highness is especially desirous that the boys at our public schools should learn to discharge their duty to the London hospitals.

The International Nursing Conference.

THE first meeting of the professional Sub-committee of the International Congress, which includes the section of Nursing, will be held on the 19th inst. Several papers of interest on nursing questions have already been suggested by the International Delegates. But, as the Sub-committee is anxious that the Nursing section should receive the support of the whole profession, suggestions will be received, with pleasure, from Matrons and nurses desiring to bring subjects forward for discussion before the International Congress in June next.

After the meeting of the Committee of Arrangements, to be held on the 26th of November, the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Women will no doubt be in a position to supply details of information with regard to the composition of the various sub-committees, and the names of Papers adopted so far by the Committee of Arrangements. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, International Council of Women, 20, Motcomb St., London, S.W., or to the Hon. Secretary Professional Sub-Committee, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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