

Nursing Echoes.

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The Annual Meeting of the South London District Nursing Association, of which Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is President, was held at the Rectory, Clapham, by invitation of Canon Greene, recently, under the genial presidency of Canon Erskine Clarke, Vicar of Battersea. The report showed that 40,989 visits had been paid to the sick poor by the nurses of the Association during the year. Canon Clarke said that the nurses were thoroughly trained and qualified ladies. They worked for the love of the poor, and in that was their reward. Admirable testimony to their skill and knowledge was furnished by the fact that last year more than 1,100 cases were sent to them by medical men.

It has been decided to rearrange the boundaries of the districts of the Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses, and to appoint an additional nurse, a course which has been made practicable by a handsome legacy from Mrs. Irwin, widow of Dr. Irwin.

At the Annual Meeting of the Derbyshire County Nursing Association, the Committee reported that Miss Green, Q.V.J.I., having resigned the post of Superintendent Nurse to the Association, on appointment as Supervisor of Midwives for the County Council, Miss Bridges, Q.V.J.I., was recommended by Miss Hughes, General Superintendent, Q.V.J.I., and was appointed to succeed Miss Green. Miss Bridges has in every way justified her appointment. Her energy, enthusiasm, and tact, have been productive of much good work throughout the county.

Miss Bridges has given four courses of lectures—of three each—to mothers in various centres during the winter, and although the weather was often inclement the attendances were, on the whole, encouraging. This good work is being continued.

Mrs. Hoskyns, who moved the adoption of the Report, appealed for more support on the ground that the nurses were a great preventive

agency. At the end of an illness a family was raised to a higher idea of what a home should be.

Canon Tetley, who presided at the Annual Meeting of the District Nurses' Society, and Nurses' Home, 6, Berkeley Square, Bristol, last week, at which a falling off in subscriptions was reported, said that the ministry of the district nurses was a blessed ministry. If they could get the public generally to recognise what a visit of the district nurse meant, as workers of the Society understood it, the measure of support given would be very different from what it was to-day, for the one thing which ought to call out their sympathy especially was the most blessed work of the district nurses.

It is many years since we visited the Children's Hospital at Glasgow, then under the able superintendence of Mrs. Harben, but even in those days the work had far outgrown the institution. Wealthy Glasgow has at last awakened to the fact that 74 cots are far too few for all the poor wee persons whose necessities have an urgent claim upon its charity. At a meeting convened by the Provost in connection with a public appeal to rebuild the Children's Hospital, he announced that the directors had wisely decided to build on the improved site, and to increase the accommodation from 74 to 250 cots, to carry out that scheme they would require £100,000. The Lord Provost announced a subscription list amounting to £39,590.

In supporting the claims of hospitals for children, Sir Hector Cameron instanced Toronto where he said there was a sick children's hospital with 200 cots, and a beautifully appointed island home, or country branch, about a quarter of an hour by steam ferry from the city on one of the islands in Lake Ontario. We hope he remembered to mention the fact that these beautiful institutions were largely the gift of Mr. John Ross Robertson, who has recently won his right to be regarded as the most generous benefactor, not only of Toronto's sick children, but of their kind nurses. We recently reported how spaciouly he has housed the nursing staff, a greater factor in the well being of the patients than at first appears. A well cared for nurse means a happy, healthy caretaker for the sick.

The Rev. Father Crofton, S.J., presided last week at the annual meeting of the friends of the St. Elizabeth's District Nursing Scheme, 166, Renfrew Street, Glasgow. The

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