

the time they were needed. Twenty-eight cases were nursed on reduced terms for a period of one hundred and sixty weeks, and thirty-two gratuitously for eighty-four weeks. The record of cases is given as usual:—1888: Full terms, 348 cases, 2,035 weeks; reduced term, 23 cases, 67 weeks; gratuitously, 15 cases, 30 weeks; total, 386 cases, 2,132 weeks. 1889: Full terms, 440 cases, 2,161 weeks; reduced terms, 28 cases, 160 weeks; gratuitously, 32 cases, 84 weeks; total, 500 cases, 2,405 weeks. The present staff is as under:—Engaged in Private Nursing, 68; engaged in District Nursing, 12; Probationers in training, 12; total, 92. During the year four Nurses have left: one to be married, one to a district on her own account, and two have given up Nursing.

APROPOS of the above very useful Institution, I ought to have mentioned, but the want of space prevented me, quite three weeks ago the fact that the Nurses of the Staff recently presented Miss Shirley, the highly esteemed Superintendent, with a very handsome gold watch. The presentation was made by his lordship the Bishop of Shrewsbury, in the name of the Nurses of the Staffordshire Institution, Stoke-upon-Trent, and contained Miss Shirley's monogram and the following inscription: "Presented to Miss Shirley by the Nurses of the Staffordshire Institution as a token of love and esteem."

I LEARN that Miss E. Walton has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, in the place of Miss Alice Chapman, whose appointment to the Matronship of the Rochdale Infirmary I chronicled in these columns on May 1.

MISS WALTON received her training at Pendlebury (Children's) and at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospitals, and remained at the latter Institution four years; after which she joined the Private Nursing staff of the Stoke-upon-Trent Nursing Institute, being engaged there twelve months. Miss Walton was then appointed Head Nurse of the Female Medical Ward, Worcester General Infirmary, where she stayed about two years; and went to Burnley, nearly three years ago, as Head Nurse in the Theatre and Out-patient Department and Male Ward of twenty-three beds. Miss Walton is a member of the British Nurses' Association.

I HAVE also to note that Miss Theodora Pressland has been appointed Home Sister at, and general assistant to the Matron, Newcastle Royal Infirmary. Miss Pressland received her training at the London Fever Hospital, Islington, earning

great credit for the manner in which she passed through her time there, and has had considerable experience in "housekeeping," therefore being particularly qualified for her new post, and is a Member of the British Nurses' Association.

THE following cutting from the *Yorkshire Post* has been sent to me by a correspondent: "Sir,—As the attention of the Committee of the Leeds Trained Nurses' Institution has been lately called, through letters in the newspapers, to the inadequacy of their Staff of Nurses to supply the present demand for Leeds, it may be a satisfaction to the Medical men, as well as to the employers of Nurses, to know that the Committee have decided to add to their present number some fully Trained Nurses, to be procured direct from Hospitals as soon as thoroughly efficient ones can be obtained. This arrangement will secure a more speedy increase of the Staff than the ordinary means of replenishing it. The Committee have for some time been sensible of the need of a larger Staff of Nurses, as is proved by the fact that during the first four months of 1889 the number of cases nursed was 300, while in the corresponding months of 1890 they have been 507. But the strain upon all Nursing Institutions during the past four months has been very great, and the Leeds Institution has been no exception to this. The Committee are very desirous to provide for the increasing need, and trust it may be more satisfactorily met in the future.—Yours faithfully, CELIA WALKER, Hon. Secretary Leeds Trained Nurses' Institute."

HER Royal Highness Princess Christian, ever active in a good cause, will preside over a drawing-room meeting which, by the permission of Lady George Hamilton, will be held at the Admiralty, on Saturday next, to urge the importance—the urgency of which no one can possibly deny—of establishing a Home of Rest for Nurses. A committee of ladies, under the presidency of Princess Christian, has been formed, numbering among its members the Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Edward Cavendish, Lady George Hamilton, Lady Audrey Buller, Theresa Countess of Shrewsbury, and Miss Holland, with the object of founding a home where, on payment of a small sum, Nurses can enjoy the holiday and rest they are at times so much in need of.

THE *Echo* is responsible for the following:— "Lady Roberts's 'Homes in the Hills' in India for soldiers invalided or requiring change have been costing quite a thousand rupees a month more than was calculated, owing to the recent decision of the India Office not to allow the Indian

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