

### Nursing Echoes.



The statue of the Queen, recently erected in the grounds of the London Hospital, is to be unveiled by the Earl of Crewe on July 10th. The ceremony will be performed in conjunction with the annual gathering of the Hospital Governors and Committee at which the prizes awarded among the students and nurses of the

hospital during the year will be presented.

The annual conference of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses and of representatives of its affiliated county nursing associations was held in the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on the 13th inst. Mr. R. B. D. Acland, K.C., presided. The subjects discussed were the urgent necessity of obtaining further funds for the training of midwives, in order that a sufficient supply may be trained by 1910, when the Midwives' Act comes into full operation; the arrangements as regards payment by education committees to district associations for school nursing, and various matters with regard to the engagements of candidates for training as village nurses.

The *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*, always welcome, is just to hand. "E. S., A Queen's Nurse," sends a most interesting account from the East of "A Greek Christian Fellaheen Wedding in Ramallah." As in the West, wedding gifts form an important item in the marriage functions. There is a short practical article on "State Registration versus a Nurses' Directory," which states what is quite true, "Such a Directory is bound to fail, and its very existence would prejudice the cause of Registration, and retard its progress." That was the reason why it was drafted—let us make no mistake on that point. The "Hints for Holidays" are pleasant reading now the sun is beginning to smile upon us after many days. The Prize Competition subjects are very practical.

The Annual General Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association will be held on May 29th, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, at 3.30 p.m. Sir William J. Collins, M.D., M.P., the President, will be in the chair, supported by the Lord Bishop of Barking, and many friends of the movement. No doubt there will

be a very full attendance, as the Association is doing good work in watching legislation which may affect Mental Nurses, and is safeguarding their interests. Moreover, Dr. Robert Jones, Medical Superintendent of Claybury Asylum, will give an address on the "Mental Recreations of the Mental Nurse," a question of the utmost importance to those engaged in the arduous duty of caring for those of unsound mind. Later, the presentation will take place of two gold and three silver medals, awarded by the Association for long and meritorious nursing service.

The Eleventh Annual Report, which will be submitted to the meeting, shows that there has been a small decrease of membership during the year, but the aggregate membership at the end of 1907 was 3,375. The Financial Statement shows that the expenditure is conducted with due economy, but the production and distribution of *Asylum News*, the official organ, which costs the Association £147 5s. 5d., might easily be decreased by the loyal support of the Journal as an advertising medium by Asylum authorities. As no payments are made either for contributions or editing, the demand that the journal should be illustrated cannot possibly be complied with, unless an increased revenue can be obtained from advertisements.

The Executive Committee, in concluding their report, desire to place on record their sense of the great debt the Association owes to Dr. Shuttleworth for his services on *Asylum News* for so many years, for his rare tact, wide sympathy, and sound judgment. Dr. Nicoll, of Caterham Asylum, has consented to take over the editorship. The Association hope to retain Dr. Shuttleworth's experienced services in the capacity of Honorary Secretary.

The ease with which people can reach the gates of the great Franco-British Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush by the Central London Railway, ensures an enormous attendance throughout the summer, and indeed, although much remains to be done, a delightful time can be spent there. The splendid, though too ornate, buildings gleam in the sun, the Elite Gardens are full of flowers, fine bands discourse good music throughout the day, and in a short time, no doubt, the exhibits will be in their places.

The Women's Palace is finely placed, but alas! but little of women's work is to be housed in it. Much of the valuable space has been let to male traders, thus the Amalgamated Press, a male tailor, and others monopolise

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