

### Nursing Echoes.



A meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute was held last week at the offices of the Institute, 120, Victoria Street, S.W., Lord Goschen presiding. Amongst those present were the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Shaftesbury, and Sir W. Cameron Gull.

The Queen's appointment of Lady Mayo and Lord Shaftesbury as members of the Council was reported. It was also reported that progress in the work of organising district nursing further in Wales had been made, and, with a view to meeting the needs for nursing and midwifery work, especially in the rural districts, two preliminary councils in North and South Wales had been established to develop schemes of administration.

The conditions under which the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, the main object of which is to combat the spread of tuberculosis, may employ Queen's nurses and health workers in connection with the Institute were approved.

The estimated expenditure on the Institute for the ensuing year was reported to be £13,800, a considerable and inevitable increase over previous years, owing to the continual growth of the Institute's work.

A very pleasant "At Home" took place at the Nurses' Lodge, Colosseum Terrace, N.W., on Monday last, when about a hundred guests responded to Miss Hulme's invitation. The occasion was the second "birthday" of the Lodge, and it is interesting to learn that it has been so successful, and has met so great a need on the part of private nurses between their cases, as well as of those visiting London for a short time, that it is usually full to overflowing, and the need of enlargement is already being felt. The reason is not far to seek, for the happy, friendly, atmosphere, which is characteristic of the house, is generated by the Lady Superintendent, and the consideration and courtesy with which each and all of those who use the Lodge are invariably treated are sufficient reason to ensure its popularity. On Monday Miss Hulme and the residents vied with one another in making the invited guests feel welcome and at home, and the party was a most enjoyable one. Miss Helen Hulme, Miss Smallman-Smith, and Miss Graydon sang most charmingly, the duets and trios being

specially effective. Miss Helen Hulme won long and loud applause for her perfect rendering of "Killarney," which was specially appreciated by the Irish nurses present.

At the anniversary dinner of the Poplar Hospital last week, the Chairman, Mr. J. G. Broodbank, said that the Matron, Miss Bland, was splendidly working out her ideal of making the institution the best nursed hospital in London.

The Preliminary Training School for Nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, was last week inaugurated by the Duchess of Beaufort, and is to be known as Beaufort House, Berkeley Square, in that city. Before the opening ceremony, the President, Sir George White, detailed some of the reasons which had induced the Committee to found the School. He said: "The fact of the Royal Infirmary being the oldest institution of the sort in the provinces entails upon this committee the responsibility of doing their utmost to add to its fame by ensuring that nothing shall be left undone to make it in every way efficient and up-to-date. The Royal Infirmary is proud of its nurses, and for this reason we wish to do all in our power to make their training as complete as possible. We have long seen the difficulty of properly grounding the new probationer in her work when, as at present, she has to come straight from home into a busy ward. With the best intentions, the sister of the ward cannot devote the time to her individually which is really necessary to teach her the elementary details of her work. We have therefore arranged that this shall be done in the Preliminary Training School, where the probationers will be taught—and taught thoroughly—by the Sister giving her whole time to the School. . . . The Matron of the Royal Infirmary will exercise complete and constant supervision over the Training School. She herself will from time to time give lectures at the School, and cooking classes are conducted by a professional lady teacher." The Duchess of Beaufort, in naming the School, and declaring it open, congratulated the citizens of Bristol on the progressive policy adopted by the Committee of their oldest and largest medical charity.

Miss Purvis, the Lady Superintendent of the Middlesbrough District Nursing Association, hopes to have the poor children's tea and Christmas tree early in January, and will be very grateful for contributions in money or in kind towards that object. We are glad to learn

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