

## Nursing Echoes.



Her Majesty the Queen has appointed Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Viscountess Gormanston, and Mrs. Charles Martin, Dublin, to be members of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the extension of the work in Ireland having rendered it desirable that the Irish branch of the Institute should have further representation on the Council.

Adeline Duchess of Bedford, presiding at a meeting of Queen Alexandra's Committee of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at her residence, 26, Bruton Street, on Friday in last week, announced that for the third year in succession the Committee had been able to collect a sum of £2,000 in aid of the work of the Queen's nurses. The plan of the Committee was to enrol two hundred ladies who would each be responsible for £10 per annum, and the full number had been secured during the year, though at the present moment some resignations made additional members necessary. The Queen had desired her to say how greatly impressed her Majesty was by the progress made for collecting so large a sum and thus aiding in so material a way the Queen's Institute. Miss Amy Hughes, the Superintendent of the Institute, pointed out how these nurses were a class specially set aside for nursing the poor in the best possible way by the securing of a uniform standard of training and inspection. Through their knowledge of hygiene and sanitation, and the easy footing on which they, as working women, mixed with the poor, these nurses were able to take an important part in the solving of the social problems of the day. The Duchess of Bedford, replying to a vote of thanks, stated that the report of the Committee would be handed to her Majesty the Queen, and that as a proof of the high esteem in which the English nursing system was held four French nurses had come over to study our methods at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. Harold Boulton (the Treasurer), in conveying the thanks of the Institute to Queen Alexandra's Committee, said they had to put off supplying nurses to some places for a year or two because they had not the money to train them, and the result was that those districts had to be content with second-rate nurses.

They had to thank the women of England for having provided the permanent endowment of the Institute.

At the annual meeting of the Liverpool Queen Victoria Nursing Association, held in the Town Hall last week, the work of the district nurses in the city was reviewed, and it was announced that in May Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and the Duke of Argyll, will pay a visit to Liverpool in connection with the District Nursing Congress. There are now 54 nurses and six Matrons on the staff of the Association, and during the past year 9,097 cases were attended and 232,131 visits paid. Besides these, four nurses have visited regularly the elementary schools for the purpose of attending to the minor ailments of the children. There have been 60,808 attendances on the children, and the work is increasingly appreciated.

An interesting feature of the forthcoming Territorial Forces Exhibition, which is to run concurrently with the International Sports Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall in May, will be a series of competitions in field hospital work for members of the R.A.M.C. (Territorial). Included in these will be competitions for the newly-formed First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps and also those attached to the various units of the Territorial Forces.

Arrangements have been made for lectures on tropical subjects to be delivered to nurses at the London School of Tropical Medicine, Royal Albert Dock, E. Any qualified nurse may attend the course, whether she intends to go abroad or not. This is a most valuable opportunity of which we have no doubt large numbers of nurses will eagerly avail themselves.

"No wonder the child died; it's stomach has been turned into a chemist's shop," remarked the East London coroner when the mother of an infant only six weeks old produced seven bottles (some partly empty) from which she had been dosing it.

The Committee of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Institution for Trained Nurses have decided in view of the expiry of the lease of the home, No. 12, The Crescent, to close the institution this week, after forty years' useful work. In their annual report the Committee express their high appreciation of the loyal and devoted services of all the nurses, who, over the long period of years, have con-

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