

### Nursing Echoes.



On Wednesday, June 30th, the Queen received at Buckingham Palace the members of the Queen Alexandra Committee, which is composed of 200 ladies, each of whom is responsible for collecting £10 in support of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, as well as the officers of the Institute and others. The guests assembled in the Picture Gallery, where they were joined by her Majesty, who was accompanied by the Princess of Wales (with Princess Mary and Prince Henry), Princess Victoria, Princess Christian, and Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), who left the meeting of the Kensington District Nursing Association early in order to be present. Her Majesty shook hands with all the guests and personally thanked them for their work on behalf of the Institute, and, after the report for 1909 had been presented by Adeline Duchess of Bedford, President of the Committee, joined them at tea.

The East London Nursing Society, which works amongst the very poor, must always have a claim on the sympathies of those in more fortunate circumstances, more especially as it was one of the earliest societies to undertake district nursing, and has a record of 41 years of good work to its credit. It began in 1868 with three nurses, and now it has a staff of three Matrons, and twenty-three nurses, who last year paid 82,774 visits to 3,499 patients, but these are not sufficient to meet the demands on the Society, which at a drawing-room meeting held at 8, Carlton House Terrace, last week, by permission of Earl and Countess Brownlow, appealed not only for more funds, but for offer of personal service to cope with the needs of the densely populated district in which its work is situated. The Chairman of the Meeting, Mr. C. B. Stuart-Wortley, M.P., said that the claims on the charity are almost inexhaustible, and Sir Frederick Treves, in commending the Society to public support, said that the district nurses were the only persons who could find a way to the heart of the people, and insist on patients being brought to the hospital while there was still a chance of doing them good. They were a great factor in the moral improvement of the poor, and touched the centre of the misery of London. If the Society were supported as it should be, infant mortality in the East End would decrease at once.

The Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen, established at 90, Harley Street 56 years ago by Viscountess Canning and Miss Florence Nightingale, and must always possess a special interest for nurses on this account, is closed owing to the expiration of the lease. A new Hospital for 32 patients is in course of construction at 19, Lisson Grove, and will be opened for the reception of patients towards the end of the year. £5,000 are still needed to complete the building and equipment. Donations should be sent to W. C. Bridgeman, Esq., M.P., 13, Mansfield Street, W.

Nearly a hundred nurses from Nottingham and the surrounding district attended a short intercession last week at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, and afterwards took tea together in the Parish Room at a gathering organised by the Nurses' Missionary League, where they were addressed by the Bishop of Southwell. The Bishop said it was a source of great thankfulness that he should be able to address such a gathering of women engaged in the great ministry of healing, and enlarged upon the great scope nurses had for spreading the Gospel which, he contended, belonged to, and was not outside of, the domain of medical science and the medical profession.

The Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Gore, who recently opened a Children's Convalescent and Nursing Home at the Woodlands, Northfield, which has been given by Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury, to the Birmingham and District Cripples' Union, said that as an impartial observer he had noticed that of those people who possessed riches the most enjoyment was got out of them by those most liberal in giving them away. They could hardly conceive the extraordinary joy given to children living in the city in miserable and gloomy surroundings by being brought into the bright and beautiful world of nature. There was the best possible reason for believing that the children would be admirably looked after there, because he had discovered that the Matron was the lady who nursed him when ill last year. He believed he was an uninteresting patient, but he was quite sure from personal experience that no children could be better looked after and nursed than they would be in that home.

Mr. George Cadbury, in thanking the Bishop for his presence, described the basis of all true religion as love to God manifested by love to man. The main part of the work connected with that institution was of a self-denying and personal character. It was much easier to give money than self-sacrificing labour. Personal service was by far the greatest thing.

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