

### NURSING ECHOES.

Last Saturday the King reviewed in Windsor Great Park nearly fifteen thousand men and nurses of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Lady Perrott, who holds the imposing title of Lady Superintendent in Chief of the Nursing Corps and Divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, was, with the male officials, presented to His Majesty at the saluting base, and the nurses, seated in great stands facing the parade, wore medals that betokened active service.

The King rode down the whole of the seven lines that were formed, and the Queen followed in her carriage. His Majesty afterwards rode up to the nurses, and one who was at the Durbar at Delhi was presented.

A display of life-saving from a wreck and from a burning mine was watched by the Royal party with evident interest. The life brigade men and miners were heartily cheered for their smartness, and at his request some of them were presented to the King.

The Queen has sent a present of books to the nurses' library of the Middlesex Hospital.

The Countess of Minto, in the unavoidable absence of the Duchess of Portland owing to the death of her mother, will help the Duke of Portland in receiving the guests at the Hotel Cecil before the dinner on behalf of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute on July 3rd. It is to be hoped the function will be a great financial success.

Mr. W. P. Elias, General Inspector of the Northern District under the Local Government Board, in his Nursing Return for 1912, draws the attention of the Guardians "to the importance of taking their Medical Officers and Superintendent Nurses into their confidence when making appointments of probationer nurses. Were this rule more generally observed, appointments of an unsuitable type would be less frequent than they are at present."

The nursing world in Leicester is on the *qui vive* concerning the appointment of a successor to Miss Rogers at the Leicester Royal Infirmary to the position of Lady Superintendent. For so many years Miss Rogers has taken a kindly lead in all nursing affairs in the district, and her opinion is held in such deep respect, that a new Lady Superintendent who does not believe in professional co-operation and progress would be considered

a calamity indeed—"Since Bart's," as a Leicester nurse remarked recently, "we fear no stone will be left unturned by 'the London' to suppress a registration centre, and we don't want to be a house divided against itself, as we mean to cling to our principles as the Bart's League has done." Let us hope "Bart's" has been a lesson to hospital committees who desire harmony and happiness in their nursing schools.

The nursing staff at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, are to be congratulated on the result of their bazaar for the new home. The takings were, on the first day, £209, and on the second £175, and, in addition, four donations of £25 were received.

It was reported at a meeting of the Committee of the Halifax District Nursing Association that the Inspector had recently attended at the Home, and the report of the Committee of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses on the result of the inspection was as follows:—"It is very pleasing to record the encouraging success which has attended the work of the Halifax District Nursing Association since its inauguration five months ago, and it is a very satisfactory feature to note the amount already received in thank-offerings from the working-class patients. The work of the nurses is being maintained at a high standard under Miss Laycock's capable and thorough supervision. The Home, also under her charge, is made very bright and comfortable, and the nursing equipment is in excellent order." Miss Laycock stated that over £22 had been received in donations from the patients.

On the recommendation of a Committee, the Newport Board of Guardians decided at last week's meeting that all probationer nurses shall be in future required to wear a uniform dress approved by the Guardians.

They have also decided to give their probationer nurses who pass a satisfactory examination at the end of their three years' training a prize of £5 5s. enabling them to take their practical midwifery training at the Newport Maternity Home.

The latest report submitted to the Council of the Scottish branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses states that there are now 353 Queen's Nurses working under 231 affiliated associations throughout Scotland. The inspectors made 221 visits to nurses in affiliated districts. During the six months

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