

NURSING ECHOES.

By the invitation of Queen Alexandra, the annual gathering of Her Majesty's Auxiliary Committee of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute was held at Marlborough House on Monday at 4.30. After the report for the year had been read by Lady Minto, Queen Alexandra addressed a welcome to the members of her Committee, thanked them for their efforts during the year, congratulated them on keeping up their numbers and their organization, and expressed her appreciation of the work of the nurses which the Committee existed to encourage. In conclusion, she asked the members of the Committee to take tea with her in the gardens.

The Lord Chancellor and Miss Haldane are "At Home" on Thursday, July 25th, "to meet the Matrons of the Territorial Force Nursing Service" at 28, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

An appeal is being made in behalf of the work now being done by Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association in providing European trained nurses for our fellow-country men and women in Northern India and Burma. In 1906 only two small associations with 12 nurses existed—namely, in the Punjab and "Up Country," but other parts of Northern India were entirely without suitable nurses. There are now eight centres in the Punjab, United Provinces, Eastern Bengal and Assam, Rajputana, Central Provinces, Baluchistan, Burma, and Bengal, with five lady superintendents and 54 nurses. The scale of fees for the service of nurses is arranged according to income, so that they are within the reach of all at moderate charges. The expansion of the work is necessitating large expenditure, especially at the present time, as many of the nurses are completing their term of Indian service (five years) and are entitled to passages home, while others have to be sent out to take their place. The treasurer is Colonel Sir William Bisset, of 91, York Street, Westminster.

The recent opening of the Cottage Hospital at Haywards Heath by Princess Christian, as a memorial to King Edward VII., must have been a happy occasion for all those who have worked so hard to erect this charming little hospital; but none deserve more praise than the devoted Matron, Miss Barrett, who, with Dr. Wells, conducted the Princess over the institution—for the day a bower of roses,

sweet peas, and beautiful ferns—and with whom she took tea. The hospital originally started in a small cottage, Mrs. Elliot having left £600 for the purpose, and Miss Barrett has been Matron all the time. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and a neighbour writes: "She is very capable and much beloved." The new hospital contains two wards at either end of the building—one single and one double bedded ward—and an up-to-date operating theatre. Collections to aid the Hospital funds and to defray the day's expenses were made by Nurse Sherlow (Haywards Heath), Nurse Jackman (Wivelsfield), Nurse Weatherley (Wivelsfield), and Nurse Pearce (Balcombe), and on totalling up the proceeds it was found the sum of £48 12s. 4d. had been taken.

Mr. Alfred Cochrane, presiding at the meeting of the Cathedral Nursing Society at Newcastle-on-Tyne, said he could, in the most whole-hearted way, thank the Society, on behalf of the community, for the good and useful work it did. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Abraham and her staff of nurses, and to Miss Browne, of Westacres, the Hon. Secretary. The annual report states: "This has been in every way a very satisfactory year as regards our Society," and it goes on to say that 22,285 visits have been paid, and 1,952 cases have been attended. They have had their full complement of nurses, all of whom have been hard at work. Again the Convalescent Home has had a very successful season, 113 patients, in all, having been received there.

By the kind invitation of the Hon. Mrs. Stanley, Hon. Secretary of the Somerset County Nursing Association, the Hon. Secretary and Nurses of the affiliated Associations were last week received at Quantock Lodge, Bridgwater. Mrs. Stanley, in welcoming her guests, said that on the last occasion when she had a similar party, some six years ago, there were under 40 nurses working for the Association, now there are nearly 100. She pointed out to the nurses that, though Committees could do a great deal, the real success of the great work in which they were engaged depended upon themselves. About 60 of the 96 nurses were present, and after tea a photograph was taken, and then various entertainments, including Morris dancing, were much enjoyed, as was the beautiful drive of about 10 miles from the various railway stations to the Quantock Hills. Amongst those present were Miss Bridges, Inspector

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