

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses met at the offices of the Institute the 19th ult., Mr. Harold Boulton in the chair. Lord Goschen and Mr. Boulton were elected respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. Queen Alexandra has approved the appointment of the following members of the Council of the Institute:—Mrs. Stansfield Richardson, Lady Harrowby, Miss Wagg, Miss Bright, the Hon. Mrs. David Bevan, and Mrs. Pendarves. It was announced that the Duke of Devonshire, President of the Institute, and the Duchess of Devonshire would give a garden party on June 12th for the Queen's Nurses all over the kingdom. A draft report of the Council to Queen Alexandra was submitted and approved. A small gold badge has been awarded to the following:—Miss Walker, superintendent, Bolton; Miss Mills, superintendent, North Home, Liverpool; Miss Curtis, superintendent, Hammer-smith; Miss Heygate, superintendent, Salford; Miss C. Bodington, Salford; Miss A. Ford, Forfar; Miss A. Towers, Rutherglen; Miss L. Steele, Welborough; and Miss M. E. Martin, Shifnal.

News has come from Constanza of the safe arrival, so far, of Sisters Haswell and Park on their way to Constantinople to nurse the Turkish sick and wounded soldiers, in connection with the British Red Crescent Society.

The question of benefit to nurses under the Insurance Act has always been a thorny and problematical one, and the interpretation has been put on the Act by some Friendly Society officials that nurses who are "warded" when ill come within the provision that no person is

entitled to benefit who is treated in an infirmary, hospital, or asylum supported out of public or charitable funds. The London Insurance Committee has now issued a special form, and subject to the filling up of this, the application of nurses for making their "own arrangements" has been granted in each case.

It is unfortunately frequent for charges—whether they be well or ill founded—to be made against private nurses for gossiping from one case to another. Of course, the fault should not be laid at the door of the trained nurse, as a rule, at all, but at that of the miscellaneous collection of persons who assume her uniform, and undertake her work. Nevertheless, trained nurses will do well to note the complaints of the public, and to remember that both honour and professional obligations constrain them to hold sacred and inviolate the affairs and confidences of their patients.



MISS BERGLJOT LARSSON.  
President, Norwegian Trained Nurses' Association.

At the last monthly meeting of the Catholic Nurses' Association, held at the Club Rooms, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, the Secretary reported a profit of £18 11s. 3d. from the annual dance on January 8th. Final arrangements were made for a whist drive, to be held in the Club Rooms on Tuesday, March 11th.

It is with great pleasure that we publish a portrait of Miss Bergljot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Trained Nurses' Association, and Editor of its paper *Sykepleien*. It will be remembered that Miss Larsson, with other Norwegian Nurses, was present at the Cologne Congress, and they were so inspired with what they there saw and heard that on their return they at once founded their own Association.

The report of Mrs. Jessie B. Davies, Chief

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