

NURSING ECHOES.

By invitation of Queen Alexandra, the annual meeting of Her Majesty's Committee of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses was held at Marlborough House on Friday, July 17th, tea being afterwards served in the beautiful grounds.

Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria were present, and the meeting was briefly addressed by Prince Alexander of Teck, who said that at the last annual meeting a pension fund for nurses was mentioned, and the money came tumbling down from the skies till they had £450. He would be much gratified if, before he went to Canada, he could see the fund made up to an amount large enough, when capitalized, to secure a pension fund in perpetuity for one nurse.

The report of the committee was read by the President, Lady Northcote, and stated that the Committee, as in previous years, had handed over the sum of £2,000 during 1913 to the Council of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute.

Over 150 members had served on the committee for five years, and were therefore eligible for the badge sanctioned by Her Majesty.

The Dowager Lady Dimsdale (Vice-President) who thanked Her Majesty for permitting the meeting to be held at Marlborough House, asked her acceptance of a replica of the badge which she had been pleased to approve as a decoration for all members of five years' or more service. It is a pretty oval design in gilt, suspended from a ribbon in the Danish national colours, and ornamented with Her Majesty's initials in enamel.

In acknowledging and accepting the gift, Queen Alexandra said she appreciated it thoroughly, as well as all the efforts of the committee on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Institute. She then presented the badges to those eligible to wear them, most of whom at once donned the decoration.

At a meeting held last week of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, it was reported that Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent of the Institute, has been invited to deliver the Nightingale Oration in connection with the Liverpool branch of trained nurses on October 8th. A special uniform hat has been approved by the committee, the one previously sanctioned not having proved suitable for general wear.

The trustees of the London Parochial Charities have renewed their grant of £1,000 for

distribution among the nursing associations in London, in accordance with a scheme drawn up by the trustees.

We hear that Miss Macqueen, formerly Organizing Superintendent for England of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, is to be the Principal of the new St. Katherine's College.

The locality of the College has not yet been settled, but it will probably be between the Tower and West Ham.

Miss Macqueen has had a varied experience, and was last year in Macedonia engaged in organizing relief on behalf of the Macedonian Fund. From Monastir she penetrated into the interior of the country, and crossed the mountains to Janina, being, we believe, the first English relief agent to visit the town.

Mrs. Ingleby annually awards a gold medal for excellence of conduct and work, both theoretical and practical, during her three years' service, to a nurse at the Hope Hospital, Salford. The award is made in commemoration by Mrs. Ingleby of her services on the Salford Board of Guardians, and this year Miss Elsie Ball was the happy recipient of the honour. Mr. F. W. Blacow, chairman of the committee, and other members, spoke in warm terms of praise of Miss Ball's record during her term of training.

On Wednesday, July 15th, the Civic Exhibition was opened in Dublin by the Lord-Lieutenant, who delivered a message from the King to say that the undertaking had His Majesty's full sympathy. The Exhibition is very comprehensive, and naturally the Irish Nurses' Association, of whose enterprise and resource their colleagues in other parts of the United Kingdom had such signal evidence last year, are taking part, arranging both a general and a maternity exhibit.

A nursing magazine which is always welcome is *La Soignante*, the Bulletin of the Association of Certificated Pupils of the Nursing School of the *Assistance Publique* at Paris, devoted to technical and professional questions and edited by the members of the Association. In the first place, is there anyone who attended the Nursing Conference in Paris in 1907 who has not a very warm corner in her heart for the pupils of this school?—and secondly because the magazine is so beautifully produced.

The present issue gives a short epitome of the work of the Association.

Amongst many items of interest we notice that the Association has adopted a uniform

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