

NURSING ECHOES.

At a recent meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the offices, 58, Victoria Street, S.W., Captain Sir Harold Boulton presided. Votes of condolence were passed on the deaths of Mr. W. G. Rathbone, who had been Hon. Secretary of the Institute since 1900, and of Sir James Patton Macdougall, who represented the Scottish Council on, the Council of the Institute.

Captain Sir Harold Boulton was elected Chairman, and Sir William Cameron Gull Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Bruce Richmond was elected as one of the Hon. Secretaries.

The following letter was read from the Patron, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra:—

"Queen Alexandra desires me to thank you for the copy of the annual report of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, which you have been good enough to forward for Her Majesty's information.

"Her Majesty has read the report with the deepest interest, and she notes with pleasure the steady progress which has been made during the past year.

"Queen Alexandra hears with satisfaction that both Government Departments and public authorities are availing themselves of the services of the nurses to assist in the various schemes, as Her Majesty feels that with the Council's wide knowledge of all nursing matters, such co-operation will undoubtedly prove of inestimable value in helping to solve the many difficult problems that must necessarily arise in connection with the formation and successful running of a Ministry of Health.

"Her Majesty is glad to know that a scheme in regard to future work of County Associations is under consideration, as she feels this is most important.

"Queen Alexandra fully realises how great has been the strain put upon the members of every Nursing Association throughout England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales during the past four strenuous years of war, but everybody has done splendidly, and Her Majesty warmly congratulates the Council of the Institute and the Officers in the various districts responsible for their administration, and all those associated with them, who have worked with such untiring, unselfish devotion, upon the success of their labours, which reflects the highest credit on all concerned."

Most satisfactory progress was reported in all branches of the Institute's work, and the Council heard with much pleasure that the

recommendation to increase the Nurses' salaries had been very favourably received by the Local Nursing Associations.

Queen's Nurses have made a very honourable name for themselves in the military services. Those with whom we have been in close touch for four years as Sisters of the French Flag Nursing Corps have given the most untiring devotion to duty, and won golden opinions from doctors and patients.

Let us hope the time is not far distant when District Nursing will no longer be given as a charity, but form a branch of a great and beneficent State Nursing Service: Things are rapidly framing that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Heierli, of the "Hollies," West Norwood, are generously giving a new Home to the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses. They are arranging for the presentation to synchronize with the Funeral Service at the Abbey on the 15th inst.

The Home is situated in very beautiful grounds, which are well supplied with fruit trees, and will make an ideal place of rest, while its proximity to London avoids the necessity of a long, tiring journey to and fro.

We hear nothing but praise of the management of these Homes from nurse visitors.

We have always been in favour of Special Hospitals, or, where possible, special disease blocks attached to general hospitals, and of all special hospitals, those for children are worthy of encouragement. The special care and arrangements imperative in the treatment of the young seldom receive adequate attention in the general hospitals; we have "tried baith," so speak from experience. The Children's Hospitals in London, as in other cities, are doing fine national work, and when one realises what they accomplish in a year, it is sad to note how inadequately they are supported.

At the 51st annual meeting of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Mr. Joseph Mellor, who presided, said that during the past year the number of out-patients had been 53,119, who made a total number of attendances of 107,000. Owing to the high prices and increases of wages, the expenditure had risen from £15,733 in 1914 to £21,709 in 1918.

The hospital had saved the nation an enormous number of children, but it was now in a very difficult position, as they had nearly ex-

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