

NURSING ECHOES.

On March 13th Her Majesty the Queen visited Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses, at 194, Queen's Gate, Queen Mary's Emergency Hostel, at 71, Lexham Gardens, and the Imperial Nurses' Club, Ebury Street. The Queen is greatly interested in the housing and comfort of demobilised women, and at the emergency hostel she remained to tea, and discussed at length with the committee what steps could be taken to provide further accommodation for the increasing number of girls of the educated class who are now compelled to come to London to earn their living or to look for posts. The large training schemes now being inaugurated for girls who have been for the past few years on war work are being hampered by the want of accommodation for them near the training centres.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Queen's Fund for the maintenance of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was recently held at 58, Victoria Street, S.W. Lieut.-General Sir W. L. Gubbins presided.

It was reported that during the year 1919 nearly £8,000 had been collected for the work of the institute. The Chairman explained that part of the money had been provided by the sale of securities, and the expenditure of the institute for 1919 exceeded the ordinary income by over £4,000. The estimated expenditure for 1920 exceeds the estimated income by £5,000.

The Rev. Archibald Fleming, D.D., Mr. Edwin Tate, and Mr. W. Ward Cook were appointed to represent the Fund on the council of the Institute, and Lady Northcote, C.I., and Lady FitzGerald were appointed representatives of Queen Alexandra's Committee, which committee, under the presidency of Lady Northcote, undertakes to provide £2,000 a year for the work of the institute.

We are pleased to learn that the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, now combined with the Benevolent Funds of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has had a very prosperous year. The Report and audited accounts may be expected at an early date.

The Countess of Lytton presided on the 9th inst. at the annual meeting of the Governors of the Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson Hospital, Euston Road.

Lady Lytton announced that the hospital had been enlarged by the gift from Sir Alan Garrett-Anderson of an adjoining house, and

that in view of this additional accommodation the Matron, Miss Hale, hopes to arrange an eight-hour day for the nurses.

The Garrett-Anderson Hospital is exclusively for women and children, and the staff, including doctors and surgeons, is made up entirely from the female sex.

We are pleased to know that the salaries of the Nursing Staff, including that of the Matron, at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, have been raised as follows:—Assistant Matron, £90; Sister in Charge, Bexhill, £90; Home Sister, £75; Night Sister, £70; Ward Sisters (old), £65; Ward Sisters (new), £60; O.P.D. Sister, and Theatre, £60; Massage (half time), £75; Staff Nurses, £50; Probationers, £20, £25, and £30.

The standard of mental nursing must be carefully watched by trained nurses, and the care of male patients by women is one that they should advocate in season and out of season, if there is to be improvement in the condition of many curable cases. Nursing of the highest quality is woman's work, and we must help those progressive medical men in care of mental hospitals who realise this, and who are anxious that the patients under their care shall have the benefit of it.

Sometimes an editor, grinding to instruct those who do not wish to learn, feels inclined to drift with the stream, but this is not permissible in a professional nursing journal, as one never knows where seeds bear fruit.

For instance, in our issue of the 6th inst., we expressed our editorial opinion on the nursing care of the insane, in warm sympathy with the efforts of Professor G. M. Robertson, of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, in his progressive and sympathetic treatment of male patients at that institution, and now we have the gratification of knowing that that article was brought to the notice of the Visiting Committee of the Cardiff City Mental Hospital on March 11th, when the following resolution was adopted, when considering certain allegations made by a few male attendants of the Hospital, with a view to disparaging the nursing of male mental cases by female nurses:—

“That this Committee, having heard such evidence as was submitted with reference to various charges made by some of the attendants to the Cardiff Trades and Labour Council, as set out in their communication of February 26th, are satisfied that such statements are altogether exaggerated and unjustifiable, and are convinced of the superior advantages of

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