

NURSING ECHOES.

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HER MAJESTY has given her consent, through Sir Henry Ponsonby, for the formation of a Pension Fund for the Jubilee Nurses in Scotland. Five hundred pounds has been promised for the formation of two pensions, one to be called the "Eldon," and the other the "Rosebery," in remembrance of the late



Countess of Rosebery.

So Nurses now possess three distinct Pension Funds, the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, the Pension Fund in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association—of both of which excellent schemes Her Royal Highness Princess Christian is President—and now two pensions in connection with the Jubilee Institute.

MISS EUGENIA BARTON has resigned her position as Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, much to the regret of the Board of Management, where, for the last five years, she has filled her office with the greatest credit. The post is one of great responsibility, as it embraces numerous duties not included in the work of the majority of Matrons. The Matron at the Royal Free is the Superintendent of Nursing in the true sense of the word. She attends all operations by day and by night, and, as the Hospital contains one hundred and sixty beds, it is time the managers considered the necessity for appointing a Trained Nurse as Night Superintendent, in order to render the Matron's duties less laborious. Considering the lack of method and power of organization which is exhibited by the majority of women, we doubt if the Committee will find it easy to supply a worthy successor to Miss Barton, who possesses these rare qualities in a marked degree. The vacancy is advertised, and I observe that personal canvassing is not permitted. Ladies must make their applications on a form supplied by the Hospital, and doubtless the most suitable candidates selected will be seen by the Sub-Committee, whose names are wisely kept a secret.

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I GREATLY regret to hear of the death of the Matron of the Blackburn Infirmary. A telegram was received, on Saturday, by the Secretary of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, stating that Miss Prince had died suddenly that morning, at Bournemouth. A month ago, she left Blackburn for a well-earned three weeks' holiday, which she much needed. She was suffering from anæmia and general debility, and when the time came for her return to duty, a letter was received from her stating she was far from well, and enclosing a doctor's certificate, saying it would be four or five weeks before she would be fit to resume her work. She was a most genial lady, and was beloved by all with whom she came in contact. In her, the Institution has lost a true and trusted official, in whom the Board of Management placed implicit confidence.

WATERLOW PARK, charmingly situated on the western slopes of Highgate, was on Saturday opened to the public by Sir John Lubbock, on behalf of the London County Council. At present the demesne consists of two properties, one known as Hertford House Estate, the residence on which has been demolished, and the main entrance to the park formed on the site; the other estate is that of Lauderdale House, long the abode of the Earls of Lauderdale, and once the country residence of the sprightly Nell Gwynne. Its historical associations and picturesque quaintness suggests the desirability of preserving the mansion; but, unfortunately, this cannot be, as the building could only be rendered safe by the expenditure of a very large sum of money, and even then would be useless for public purposes. The park is the gift of Sir Sydney Waterlow, the well-known Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who has also placed a sum of £6,000 in the hands of the Council to purchase the freehold of a third property, Fairseat House and grounds, at the termination of the lease, thus putting twenty-nine acres, with beautiful scenery and surroundings, into the possession of grateful Londoners. Sir Sydney was present during the opening ceremony, as also were several Members of Parliament and of the County Council, and a large gathering of the general public, to whose enjoyment the bands of the Grenadier Guards and the London Rifle Brigade contributed.

TEA A LA SIR ANDREW CLARK.—Here is an extract from an interesting lecture delivered by Sir Andrew Clark, the other day, to the Students of the London Hospital:—"Tea is a blessed beverage. I do not know what I should do without it. But there is tea and tea; and one of the teas which I have in my mind is the representa-

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