

### NURSING ECHOES.

Queen Alexandra has forwarded to Sir Harold Boulton, as chairman of the council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the cheque for £3,300 which Lady Curzon of Kedleston presented to Her Majesty last week as the proceeds of the ball organized by Lady Curzon at Lansdowne House on the evening of the Duke of York's wedding day. The Queen's Institute is urgently in need of additional funds, and the splendid sum raised by Lady Curzon of Kedleston will be of the greatest possible assistance in carrying on the invaluable work of the Institute.

The Air Ministry announces that Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has been pleased to become Patroness of the Royal Air Force Nursing Service, and to give her permission for it to be renamed "Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service."

On Saturday, June 2nd, a very enjoyable concert was held at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, in aid of the Nurses' Swimming Club, when, we are glad to know that the funds were augmented by £7 10s. Of all recreations, swimming is probably the healthiest. It is also a useful, and may be a life-saving accomplishment; and it is a pastime in which great skill and dexterity may be achieved. For all of which reasons the nurses of the Club deserve the support of their friends, which they will no doubt acknowledge by arranging for them to enjoy exhibitions of their prowess from time to time.

June 9th will be a very memorable day in the history of the Nursing School attached to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, when the Nurses' League is to be "At Home" to the Delegates from all over the world who are attending the Octocentenary Celebrations this week. Imagine any institution having an 800th Birthday. And it is a record of which every member of the League should be honourably proud that Nursing Sisters have been flitting in and out of the wards for all these years, tending the sick and sorrowful. The Badge of the League displays the Arms of the Hospital, mounted in silver, and will be worn on Saturday with pride and pleasure. The President, Miss Helen Todd, and the Matron, Miss Annie Macintosh, will receive the guests in the Great Hall from

4 to 6 p.m., and we have no doubt it will be filled to overflowing upon this historic occasion.

Miss M. A. Bompas asks us to notify that there will be an impromptu dinner, on June 8th, at the Cowdray Club, 20, Cavendish Square, W., at 6.45 p.m., for "Bart's" Nurses who are in town for the Octocentenary Celebrations at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Those wishing to be present are to notify Miss Bompas at the Club. Tickets 3s. 6d.

The Annual General Meeting of the Overseas Nursing Association will be held at the Imperial Institute, S.W., on Tuesday, June 12th, at 3 o'clock. Viscount Gladstone, the President, will take the Chair, and we have no doubt a report of most excellent work will be presented. The Overseas Nursing Association is one of our most beneficent organizations, carrying skilled nursing to Crown Colonies and far afield, where its highly qualified staff saves untold suffering and many lives.

A Store of Things from countries near and far is being collected for a Sale in the Autumn, to raise money for building repairs at the Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, London. Miss C. H. Mayers, the Hon. Secretary, suggests gifts of Babies' Needs, travellers' comforts, hand-woven garments, Foreign and Colonial wares, and "White Elephants." There should be an immediate response to the last suggestion!

We learn that among the necessary repairs (to avoid damp bedrooms) 12,865 bricks must be pointed (at 1d. per brick); also, thirty-five lengths of rain-water pipe (at 2s. per length), and forty-five windows (at 10s. each) must be painted.

Recently the Kensington Guardians received a deputation from the Advisory Committee of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Kensington Borough Council with reference to the prejudice which is alleged to exist against the Kensington Infirmary amongst mothers of the poorer classes resident in the borough.

The Guardians approved of the suggestion, made by the deputation, that welfare centres should be allowed to bring small parties of mothers from welfare centres, who should be permitted to go over the Infirmary.

The next point urged by the deputation was that more supervision is required in the mater-

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