

NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen Alexandra National Memorial Fund is now closed and the Committee announce that it reached the total of £233,000. At its final meeting at 58, Victoria Street, the Duke of Portland, who presided, read a letter from Sir Frederick Ponsonby written by command of the King, and stating:—

"The King has read with much satisfaction the report of the Queen Alexandra National Memorial Committee, and is touched that this appeal should have met with so generous a response from the public. His Majesty is especially gratified to note that contributions have been sent, not only by the inhabitants of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the British Empire generally, but also by British residents in *all* parts of the world.

"His Majesty feels confident that there could be no more fitting object for the Memorial than the provision of nurses for the sick, an object ever near the heart of her late Majesty, whose last public act was to send an encouraging message to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

"The King is also pleased to hear that provision has been made for the erection of a visible memorial in London, and knows that this will meet with the entire approval of the generous subscribers."

The Duke of Portland and Sir Harold Boulton have written to *The Times* to say that they desire to make what they consider a very important addition to the report on the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra published in that paper on July 19th. It is:—

"The nurses' offering to the Queen Alexandra Memorial amounted to the splendid sum of £2,535 18s. 11d. This represents the result of an appeal to members of the nursing profession, masseurs, and masseuses, and some members of voluntary aid detachments, which appeal met with a generous and wide response, not only from Great Britain, but throughout the British Empire and America, and indeed from wherever British nurses are working overseas, thus showing the love and respect in which all nurses hold the memory of the beloved Queen Mother."

The Queen showed her personal interest in Queen Mary's Committee of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing by being present at the Reception, recently given at St. James's Palace, to the members of the Committee by Lady Northcote.

The Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, in its report for the year 1927, to the Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, states that the year has been marked by steady progress rather than by any outstanding developments. The negotiations in connection with the revised Charter of Incorporation have been more protracted than was anticipated, but the Council was gratified to know that His Majesty had graciously signified his approval to the new Charter before the end of that year, and that the necessary formalities would be completed early in 1928. The Institute will

in future be known by its new name—Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

At a recent meeting of the Council, at which Sir Harold Boulton presided, the Duchess of Devonshire presented Long Service Badges to the following "Queen's" Superintendents and Nurses, who had recently completed 21 years' service under the Institute: Miss Edith Emma Richards Davies (Superintendent, Plaistow), Miss Florence Louise Wolverson Hemming (Superintendent, Cambridge), Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie (Superintendent, East London, South), Miss Kate Emma Gertrude Taylor (Superintendent, Norwich), Miss Ann Elizabeth Goodyear (Bosbury), Miss Gertrude Evelyn Moore (Lytham), Miss Annie Elizabeth Willings Mountain (Hammersmith), Miss Bessie Maud Taylor (Greetland).

The Chairman reported that he had been instructed by the Queen, the Patron of the Institute, to announce that she had accepted with much regret the resignation of the Duke of Devonshire from the Presidentship of the Institute, further that the Patron has appointed the Duke of Portland as President of the Institute and Lord Shaftesbury as a member of the Council and Vice-President. Her Majesty had also appointed the Duchess of Devonshire, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Marchioness of Lansdowne, and the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett as members of the Council.

The Annual Presentation of Medals and Reunion of Nurses and Garden Party at the Southwark Hospital, East Dulwich, were held on July 7th, and also the inauguration of Wireless for the patients and staff.

The Medals were presented by the Mayor of Southwark to Miss E. M. M. Thomas (Gold Medal), Miss M. E. A. Davies (Silver Medal), Miss E. A. Page (Silver Medal).

Miss Walmsley, Mr. Roundell and T. E. Naylor, Esq., M.P., were amongst the guests present.

Past and present members of the Staff and visitors enjoyed a delightful tea in the garden. A large number of the past Staff were present, many of them with their husbands and children, and ten of these little ones were able to join in a flat race arranged for them by Matron.

The Medical Students of King's College Hospital provided excellent dance music during the afternoon and evening. Side-shows were very popular, including Political Aunt Sally, Clock Golf, Fortune-Telling and Fishing, etc.

Doctor Oram provided an excellent show, very mysterious, known as the "Treasure House," in which one hunted for gold and, if lucky, found it, which many visitors did, and Doctor Greenwood, assisted by Mr. Ross-Barrington, arranged a very fine play and concert.

In Canada very much more is made of the nurses' "graduation" than in this country, so at the graduation exercises in honour of the forty-sixth class of the General Hospital, Toronto—the class of 1928—held in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto a very delightful reunion dinner in honour of the class was given by the Alumnae and attended by about 250 graduates. Graduates were seated, the *Canadian Nurse* reports, in "years," the tables ranging from 1890. One of the evening's pictures was snowy-haired

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