

NURSING ECHOES.

The new Home and Training School for Nurses attached to Westminster Hospital, facing St. John's Gardens, was opened by Queen Mary on March 1st, when she named the building "The Queen Mary Nurses' Home." It is the first of the buildings of the new Westminster Hospital which is to face it on the opposite side of the Gardens to be completed, and the nursing staff are already in residence.

Nurse Margaret Danes presented a bouquet to the Queen, and the Matron, Miss Edith Smith, handed to Her Majesty a cheque for £1,350, contributed for the furnishing of the nurses' bedrooms by more than 50 donors.

Lord Wigram, the President, said that the nursing staff was the "spinal cord" of the hospital, and a

it was stated that in 1937 a record number of district nursing associations had become affiliated. In the absence abroad of the Earl of Athlone, Sir William Hale-White, the vice-chairman, presided.

The report of the work and statements of account for 1937 were approved for submission to Queen Mary, the patron of the Institute. During this year, when the institute celebrated the jubilee of its foundation, the record number of 140 district nursing associations became affiliated, 48 more than in any previous year. At the end of 1937 the total number of affiliated associations was 2,102, and there were 7,936 nurses working in connection with the Institute. Statistics collected throughout England and Wales showed that in one year 16,381,562 nursing visits were paid, an average of over 44,000 a day. These visits included general nursing care to all types of cases, acute and chronic,



Mr. Bernard Docker, Chairman. Her Majesty Queen Mary. Miss Edith Smith, R.R.C., Matron.

home worthy of those who gave such devoted service to the healing and cheering of the sick and suffering had been provided.

Her Majesty made an hour's tour of the Home and expressed her warm approval of the comfortable and beautiful surroundings, and told the clerk of the works that it was the most wonderful Nurses' Home she had ever seen. The outlook is delightful, the St. John's Gardens always kept in such beautiful order, are already beginning to show a peep of Spring—the lawns being evidently the special pride of the gardeners. The erection of the hospital is in full swing—and soon the Westminster Hospital, as we know it, will have banished—having worthily served the sick for generations in the past.

The fine work done by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing cannot be over-estimated. At a recent meeting of its Council, which met at 57, Lower Belgrave Street,

midwifery and maternity nursing, health visiting and school nursing.

The early part of 1938 showed steady development, and although more nurses had been attracted to take up district nursing, many more were needed. Steps were being taken to bring the opportunities offered by service in connection with the Institute to the notice of nurses at the time of passing the examination for the General Part of the State Register.

The question of certain difficulties in the training of coloured students and nurses in the Mother Country is being discussed in and out of the press. It is claimed in a widely-signed letter in *The Times* that in 1932 the Secretary of State for the Colonies, now Lord Swinton, stated at a public dinner: "The distinguished men and the students who come here from the Colonies have not only the rights of British citizens but are entitled to a ready welcome. Some are young men

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