

Nursing Echoes.

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The augmented nursing service of the Army comes into effect next month. The Queen is chief of the branch, and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein will be president of the new reserve section, to which nurses up to thirty-five years of age will be admitted. Each reserve nurse will be liable for service in the United Kingdom in time of war. They will bear a special badge on their ordinary nursing uniform. Service pay will be issued when on duty as follows:—

	Initial Rate.	Annual Increment.	Maximum.
Matron ...	£75 ...	£10 0 ...	£150
Sister ...	50 ...	5 0 ...	65
Staff Nurse ...	40 ...	2 10 ...	45

Gratuities and allowances on a specified scale are also arranged.

A new Residential Club for Nurses has been opened at 129, St. George's Road, S.W. It is primarily intended for the members of the St. George's Home Nursing Co-operation, but non-members are received if there is any available room.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Caldwell (Lanark, Mid), on behalf of Mr. Weir (Ross and Cromarty), asked the President of the Local Government Board if he would take such steps as might be necessary to secure the representation of laymen on the General Medical Council.

Mr. Akers-Douglas (Kent, St. Augustine's), who replied to the question, said:—Under the Medical Act, 1886, Section 7, the General Council consists of members nominated by the Privy Council and by the Royal Colleges and a number of other learned bodies, and of elected representatives of medical practitioners. There is nothing in the Act to prevent the nominating bodies choosing laymen; but I am informed that no representations have ever reached the Privy Council Office in favour of the course proposed in the question. The point is of interest to nurses who are considering legislation at the present time.

The general meeting of King Edward VII's Coronation National Fund for Nurses in Ireland has been arranged for May 24th, 1905, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin. Mr. Arthur Chance, Vice-President of the College, has consented to preside. The following speakers have consented to

address the Society:—Sir Francis Cruise, M.D.; Sir Frederick Falkiner, K.C. (Recorder of Dublin); the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Ross, Miss Hampson, and Miss Kelly.

Dr. Elizabeth Beatty recently addressed the members of the Irish Nurses' Association on the subject of "The Ethics of Nursing." Miss Hampson, President of the Society, presided. The lecture, which was of a most practical nature, was much enjoyed by a very appreciative audience. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Joy, seconded by Miss Maconachie, and carried by acclamation.

On Friday evening, 5th inst., a lecture entitled "Glimpses of Egypt" was given at the Irish Nurses' Association Rooms, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, by Sir Andrew Reid, K.C.B. Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent Steevens' Hospital, presided. The lecture, which was illustrated by many beautiful lantern slides, was extremely interesting, and was very much appreciated by the large number of members who were present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer, on the proposition of Mrs. Manning, seconded by Miss A. Roberts.

At the weekly meeting of the South Dublin District Council, Dr. Joseph Graham Burne, visiting medical officer to the Union Protestant Infirmary, wrote as follows in relation to Sister Ellen Ryan, who he had been informed was nurse of the workhouse:—"I have to say that Sister Ellen Ryan has never, I believe, visited any portion of the hospital under my care, and I have no opportunities for giving the necessary directions for the carrying out of my orders with respect to all medicine and medical appliances, and I have no means of making her responsible for the good nursing of the sick and for the satisfactory discharge of the duties of the nursing staff in the Protestant Hospital, as is required by the Local Government Board sealed order of July 5th, 1901." Dr. Burne was well advised to direct the attention of the Board to this extraordinary condition of things.

The Sisters at the Civil Hospital, Hong Kong, are protesting strongly against the action of the hospital authorities, who are requiring them to lecture gratuitously to classes of European ladies on nursing subjects. A short time ago it was decided to start these classes, and no doubt they are both interesting and useful, but that is no reason why the Sisters at the hospital should nilly-willy be required to give gratuitous instruction. If it is given in their hours on duty, it certainly was not included in their contract with the authorities, and if in their hours off duty, the Sisters undoubtedly have the right to refuse office, or if they accept it to stipulate for a fee for their expert services. What man would submit to similar dictation?

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