

NURSING ECHOES.

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Mrs. Baines and Miss Imandt, of the Society of Women Journalists, are to be At Home to meet the Colonial Matrons-in-Chief, at 2-4, Tudor Street, E.C., on Thursday, July 18th, from 3.30-6. We surmise this will be a very interesting occasion. We have quite a number of nurse journalists in these days, and many of our matrons have quite the literary touch. The pre-war teas of the Society of Women Journalists were renowned. Alas! we fear that delectable raisin cake our souls loved no longer graces the menu. Let us hope good-fellowship continues to make up for luxuries of a more material nature.

The Committee of the County Hospital, York, has decided to raise the salaries of the probationers in training from £6, £12, and £16 per annum to £18 and £20 respectively. If they remain on for special experience they will be paid at the rate of £24 for the first six months, and of £40 for the time they act as Sister. The Sisters' salaries start at £40, with £5 war bonus, with a yearly rise up to £50.

Dr. H. C. Cameron, the examiner of probationers at the Portsmouth Infirmary, has reported very favourably on their standard of knowledge.

"As a whole," said Dr. Cameron's report, "and especially in the second and third years, the standard attained by the nurses was uniformly high—higher than I have met with elsewhere."

The Infirmary Committee has decided to admit probationers at the age of 19 instead of 21, owing to the difficulty in obtaining probationers.

The Scottish Nurses' Club in Glasgow, promoted by the Scottish Nurses' Association, is

having a wonderful success. £5,000 has been raised, and a capital fund of £10,000 is aimed at. Premises have been obtained at 206, Bath Street, Glasgow, and are being suitably equipped.

Mrs. Strong, formerly Matron of the Royal Infirmary, is giving much personal help with the organization, and Dr. McGregor Robertson is encouraging the nurses to help themselves. This is the right policy where professional women are concerned if success of the right kind is to be attained.

A correspondent sends the following advertisement from the *Glasgow Herald*:—

PROBATIONERS wanted for general training, hospital, 60 beds (North of England), recognised as a training school by the College of Nursing; applicants must be strong, well educated, age 20 to 28; salary, first year, £15; second, £17; third, £20, with a yearly bonus of £5; indoor uniform provided after two months.

She thinks it is misleading to young candidates for training, as the College of Nursing, Ltd., cannot possibly know anything of the result of the teaching and training at this hospital.

THE TRAINED WOMEN NURSES' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

We have pleasure in informing the members of the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society that their Committee (owing to careful management) has just invested £1,200 on behalf of their Sick Benefit Fund, so that now their invested savings are nearing £5,000—a splendid result. This proves how thrifty women are in managing public money, and should encourage trained nurses to join their own professional society, and help to pile up an invested fund, so that in the future they can expend the income in extra benefits. Each member should get her friends to join, and prove women's capacity for financial responsibility.

Now that the Insurance Act has been amended, the bad habit of omitting to give notice to the Secretary of illness, sometimes for weeks after the event, must be discontinued by Nurses, as they are only to receive benefit from the day following that on which notice of incapacity is given. Thus a serious loss may be sustained. On the other hand, nurses who continue to break the law must expect to suffer for it. They must learn to be business-like, and not treat an Act of Parliament like a scrap of paper.

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