

NURSING ECHOES.

A Luncheon is being arranged to take place at the Fishmongers' Hall on October 19th, to make known the needs of the School of Medicine for Women, attached to the Royal Free Hospital. It is being organised by the leading medical women and others, who have invited 100 "representative" women to act as hostesses to 100 "distinguished" men. Miss Beadsmore Smith, Matron in Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, is on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has invited as her "distinguished guest" Major R. W. Barnett, M.P., whose generous championship of Nurses' Registration, as promoted by the Central Committee, by introducing its Bill, when he drew an early place in the ballot in 1919, gave the reform so much prominence and gained for it so much support, that ultimately the Government introduced a Nurses' Registration Bill incorporating many of the basic principles of the "Barnett" Bill, and carried it to a victorious conclusion on December 23rd of last year. Major Barnett has, of course, many other claims to distinction.

We have received from H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd., publishers, a copy of "Theory and Practice of Nursing," by Miss M. A. Gullan, Sister Tutor at St. Thomas's Hospital, London. This work, which we hope to review at length at an early date, is dedicated to Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., "without whose inspiration and untiring efforts to further the Education of Nurses these pages would never have been written." The chapters summarise the instruction of the Theory and Practice of Nursing given to the nurses in the Nightingale School of St. Thomas's Hospital, and it is thought the future Sister Tutor may find them of use in sparing her much laborious spade work.

The Ministry of Health has issued a very useful pamphlet containing a list of the Residential Institutions in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare in England and Wales, published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C.

Interesting international visitors have been fitting through London lately, and Miss Thornton, of the American Nurses' Association, and Miss Bonser, of the Association of Nurses of India, paid a visit to the International Office, 431, Oxford Street, W., last week. The for-

mer arrives officially from "the States" bent on inquiring into what is being done in Europe for shell shock patients suffering from head wounds, and we gather thinks much more might be done for these sufferers everywhere. Miss Thornton has for two years been engaged caring for these special sufferers, and is visiting Belgium and France before returning to America.

Miss Bonser is deeply interested in professional journalism, and wanted all the tips she could get before returning to India this week, where the *Nurses' Journal of India* has re-appeared as a quarterly. A weekly professional paper does not appear feasible in huge continents such as India and our vast Dominions.

Miss Mollett, so long Matron of the Southampton Hospital, and one of the pioneers for the movement for State Registration of Nurses in 1888, has sailed this week for Chili, where she is to visit her sister, Miss Lina Mollett, who has for many years been a leading educationalist as head of a girls' college.

The members of the nursing profession in Sheffield are working hard to establish a residential Club for nurses in the city, and by permission of the Master and Mistress Cutler, who lent the Cutlers' Hall for the purpose, held a two days sale of work last Friday and Saturday, which we learn was very successful.

Holywell Board of Guardians, as reported by the *Liverpool Post*, at their last meeting, appointed Nurse E. Davies, of Merthyr Tydfil, head nurse at their Infirmary. It appeared that the Board had offered two vacant appointments as staff nurses to two of the other candidates for the post, and that one of them had written complaining of the "cheek" of the Board in insulting her by offering her such a post at the salary offered and stating that her present salary was from three to five guineas a week, and she added she had sent the Board's letter to the College of Nursing.

The Chairman (Mr. J. Prince): This is a saucy hussy. I consider we have done very well to miss that lady. If she is getting five guineas a week, why should she apply for a place at £80?

We sympathise with the Chairman and wonder what advice this "cheeky" member will receive from the College Council.

An inquest was recently held at Bromley, when a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned, at which it was stated

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