

NURSING ECHOES.

The dates for unveiling and dedicating the Memorials to the Scottish and Irish Nursing Sisters of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, its Reserve, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service, who gave their lives during the Great War, are fixed as follows, and will be very impressive ceremonies:—

The Memorial to the Scottish Members in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, will be unveiled and dedicated on November 3rd at 2.30 p.m.

The Memorial in the Garrison Church in Dublin will be dedicated and unveiled after the Parade Service at 11 a.m. in the Garrison Church, Arbour Hill, on November 6th.

The relatives of those commemorated have been notified, and arrangements made for seats to be reserved for those desirous of attending.

It is with much pleasure that we record the election of Miss S. A. Villiers—Matron of the South-Western Fever Hospital, Stockwell, and a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on which she is the nurse expert on the nursing of infectious cases—as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, as a nominee of an affiliated society. For over a quarter of a century a number of self-governing Societies of Nurses have been affiliated to the N.C.W., have paid their annual dues, and have been represented by delegates at its annual meetings, but, although they have over and over again made nominations for the Executive Committee, they have never had any representation upon it, and consequently no effective voice in its counsels, an invidious position for a great profession such as Nursing to accept in an organisation of women's societies.

At the quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, held in London on July 30th last, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted, and forwarded to the National Council of Women:—

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland consider that now that Nursing is a Profession legalised by Act of Parliament, it is very essential that it should be represented on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, as the Nurses' Associations have long felt that they do not care to subscribe to women's organisations on which they have no representation, or power of expression, on the Executive Committee.

The name of Miss Villiers was sent up as the nominee of the Matrons' Council. We are glad that the pertinacity of the nurses' societies has at last borne fruit, and we congratulate the Matrons' Council on having secured the appointment of a representative at once so able and charming as its Hon. Treasurer, Miss Villiers. We feel sure that it will not only be popular with the Nurses' Societies, but will strengthen the Executive of the N.C.W., which is so largely composed of non-professional women of independent means.

The Chelsea Infirmary Annual Nurses' League Day was held at the Infirmary on Thursday, October 13th. The President and members were "At Home" in the Nurses' Home from three o'clock, from which time the commissariat were kept busy providing relays of tea and cakes, as past nurses, who thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking over old times, kept coming in.

At eight o'clock the Harvest Festival Service took place in the Chapel, in the course of which, as it was "League Day," the hymn for "absent friends" was sung. Then everyone returned to the Nurses' Home for more refreshments. The Chairman of the Board, the Honble. William Sidney, distributed the prizes gained in the Nursing School. Before doing so, in a short speech he congratulated the nurses on the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act, saying he felt sure it would help to give the status and recognition to the Nursing Profession which it had long deserved.

The prizes included two silver badges, given by the Guardians for the two best "all-round nurses" of the year, and some books presented by the Matron, Miss E. C. Barton, R.R.C., for other examinations. Among these were two given in connection with a new departure made by the Matron. In addition to the regular examinations a surprise test examination was given to the second and third year nurses by a Sister-Tutor (a certificated teacher) unconnected with the Infirmary. Most of the candidates passed, six with distinction, and the Matron reports it was a very useful test.

The nurses ended up what had been a very happy day with a little dance.

Because we stated, in our issue of October 8th, that Poor Law Guardians had not necessarily any qualifications for inclusion on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and claimed that as the Statutory Body to define Nursing Standards of Education,

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