

Nursing Echoes.

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Miss Breay, Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., would be glad to hear from any Matrons of Children's Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, or Sanatoria outside London who would take as nurses two Dutch ladies. Both are fully certificated, and speak English fluently, and are commended by the Secretary of the Dutch Nurses' Association, Miss van Lanschot Hubrecht.

There are now four Associations of Matrons and Superintendents in the United Kingdom: The Matrons' Council, The Irish Matrons' Council, and The Metropolitan and Southern, and the Northern Counties' Associations of "Queen's" Superintendents. The formation of such an Association of Matrons has long been talked of in Scotland, but has not yet taken shape. When it does it will be found of the utmost use for creating kindly feeling amongst the Matrons, and for furthering the aims of every conscientious nurse.

The annual Conference held in London last week of the Southern Counties' Association of Queen's Superintendents was attended by about fifty members, many of them coming from far distant counties for the occasion. Miss Rosalind Paget presided, and several papers of great interest were presented. "Results of Training from the Inspector's point of view" had been previously read at the Conference of Northern Superintendents. The question was discussed by Miss Sharpe, and Miss Buckle (Brighton). Miss Bladen offered some remarks on "Uniform Theoretical Instruction."

Miss Curtis (Hammersmith) then contributed a paper on "The Nursing of Unmarried Mothers," and Miss Böge (Shoreditch), one on "Poor Law Problems, as they affect District Nurses," both topics providing plenty of food for comment. The last hour of the Conference is always devoted to "Ques-

tions," when any matter bearing on the work can be brought forward, so far as time allows.

On the paper were put down the following: "The Workmen's Compensation Act," "Uniform Reform," "Women's Suffrage," and "The Payment of Village Nurses."

Let us hope the day may come when the liberal spirit of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will permeate the Superintendents of all branches of nursing in this country. Co-operation for the common good amongst those responsible for the training and supervision of nurses is most necessary.

Article II. of the American Society's Constitution is worth quoting. "The object of this Association shall be to consider all questions relating to nursing education; to define and maintain in schools of nursing throughout the country minimum standards for admission and graduation; to assist in furthering all matters pertaining to public health; to aid in all measures for public good by co-operation with other educational bodies, philanthropic and social; to promote by meetings, papers, and discussions, cordial professional relations and fellowship; and in all ways to develop and maintain the highest ideals in the nursing profession." We are glad that both the English and Irish Councils, and the Queen's Superintendents' Associations are to be so well represented at Paris.

It is interesting to learn that the Nurses' Lodge, Colosseum Terrace, Regent's Park, which only came into existence a few months ago; is proving in itself the value of its name. On Wednesday last week a meeting was held in the general sitting room, to discuss the question uppermost in the minds of most women at the present time, namely, "Votes for Women." Miss Hulme and Miss Todd, whose readiness to throw themselves into the interests of the nurses is so much appreciated by them, were present, and the former took the chair.

The room was full to overflowing, a few interested listeners being obliged to stand outside the open door. A paper was read by one nurse, who had evidently given some time and thought to the subject. A very interesting, not to say lively, debate followed; but unlike some members of legislative houses of the sterner sex, of some countries, this merry meeting was characterised by good temper and toleration, and total abstention from the use of language which reporters do

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