

Nursing Echoes.

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Sister Agnes Karll will be the guest of honour at a reception to be held by the Registered Nurses' Society, at their Annual Meeting on Friday, the 12th of July. Sister Karll has accomplished so much for the good of German nurses, under most difficult circumstances, that she is intensely sympathetic with those of her colleagues in other countries, who have been persecuted in the performance of their public duty. Moreover Sister Karll has been nominated for the Presidency of the International Council of Nurses. It is well, therefore, that English nurses should have the pleasure of making her acquaintance. At present she is the guest of Miss Pell-Smith at Leicester.

Owing to quite unwarrantable statements publicly made, over the dismissal of a district nurse in Cornwall, concerning Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, we think the following statement made by Mr. William M. Coode, hon. sec. to the Cornwall County Nursing Association, should be widely circulated. Mr. Coode writes from St. Austell:—

"There are, of course, no secret rules for Queen's nurses. Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses is entirely unsectarian. The nurses are strictly forbidden to interfere in any way with the religious opinions of their patients, and so far from being a High Church, or any other Church, organisation, it goes about its business, which is nursing, and leaves religion entirely outside its field of operations.

Queen's nurses, in their private capacities, may be High Church or Nonconformists. Their ranks contain both, and only the last time the general superintendent, Miss Hughes, was in Cornwall she was trying to find a Nonconformist woman who was willing to become a Queen's nurse.

It is absolutely untrue that any distinction is made between patients on religious grounds. The only rule is that the poor are to be attended to first, and those who can afford to pay for a nurse are to be nursed only when the nurses are not too busy with the poor.

As to the allegation that the nurses are not

allowed to attend the confinements of unmarried women, a circular was issued from the Institute only this spring urging any district associations, which might have made such a rule for themselves, to give it up, and pointing out the opportunities for bringing good influences to bear which would be lost by such a rule."

At a recent meeting held by the Marquis and Marchioness of Camden at 21, Hill Street, W., to consider the question of forming a county nursing association for Kent, Miss Hughes, general superintendent, Queen Victoria's Institute for Nurses, addressed the meeting, and it was decided to form an association, and to hold a public meeting on July 23rd at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square.

At the annual meeting of Freidenheim Hospital (Home of Peace for the Dying), Upper Avenue Road, N.W., the twenty-first annual report stated that of the 48 beds, 38.4 were daily occupied throughout the year. The deaths had numbered 121. Cordial testimony was borne to the admirable service rendered to the institution by Miss Davidson, the hon. superintendent and foundress, and by the nursing staff and others.

In the Sick-Room Helps Society and Nurses' Home the East End of London possesses at once one of its most useful and most modest charitable agencies. The society receives annual subscriptions yielding less than £500, and its donations fluctuate between £500 and £600, whereas the cost of its working, though economically conducted, amounted last year to £2,700. For the first time in its history therefore the organisation is making a public appeal for assistance. That the district of Whitechapel, in which its home is situated, stands in great need of its efforts is clear from the fact that while twelve years ago, when the society started, the number of cases was twenty-seven, last year the total had reached over 2,000. Messrs. Rothschild and Sons have headed the list of donations with a gift of £100.

The Catholic Nurses' Association now numbers 600 members, not 60 which by a misprint appeared in our notice of a recent meeting.

The resignation of Miss Jeffrey, the Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, owing to ill-health, has caused sincere regret upon the part of all those with whom she has worked for the past six months, and it is to be hoped that with change of air she may soon be strong and well. Miss Jeffrey came to London from the Western Infirmary, Glasgow,

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