

Nursing Echoes.



The Lady Mayoress presided at the Mansion House at a drawing room meeting in connection with the Royal Institute of Public Health, for the purpose of calling attention to the need of hygiene in the home. A Ladies' Committee is in course of formation, which has before it wide scope for usefulness.

The Queen and the Empress Marie of Russia on Monday visited the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E., and inspected many of the special departments, including the ophthalmic theatre, and ward, the Finsen light, the outpatient, and the X ray departments, and the Tyrnauer baths. Their Majesties also visited one of the surgical wards, and made many enquiries as to the patients.

We learn that the Organising Matrons of the four Territorial Hospitals for the City and County of London are making good progress with the selection of the Nursing Staffs. The list of nurses for No. 1 Hospital, to be staffed by those certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is now complete, Miss Stewart having a full complement of 120 candidates—Matron, Sisters, and Staff Nurses—to recommend to the Executive Committee.

On April 1st, on the motion of Sir William Collins, the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Bill was read a second time in the House of Commons, and referred to a Select Committee. We congratulate Sir William and the female officers that the Bill had the support of male officers who have votes. We wonder for how many years this measure would have languished if it had been designed to benefit women only!

An interesting measure introduced into the House of Commons last week, and for which Mr. Robert Harcourt, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Chiozza-Money, and Mr. Barnes are responsible, enables local authorities to raise a rate not exceeding a penny in the pound for the provision of food, medicine, and nursing and other accessories for necessitous mothers before, during, and after child-birth. The authorities will be bound, so far as possible, to act in co-operation with existing voluntary agencies. This useful Bill has not much chance in this

overburdened Session, but some day, let us hope, it may become law.

The Annual Conference of the Nurses' Missionary League, to which many nurses look forward with so much pleasure will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Saturday, April 24th. In the morning tea and coffee will be provided from 9.45—10.15 a.m. The morning meeting, at which Miss Fairfield, Chairman of the Executive Committee will preside, will last from 10.15—11.30 a.m. There will be a devotional address by Miss Fairneld, and a discussion on Bible circles, run by members of the League. In the afternoon there will be a *Conversazione* from 2.30—5.30 p.m., when the hostess will be Mrs. Carless. There will be a short address by Mrs. Weir, who, as Nurse Skey, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she was gold medallist of her year, and who now is working with her husband at St. Luke's Hospital, Chemulpo, Corea. In the evening, from 7.30—9.30 p.m., the chair will be taken by Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., and after the business of the Annual Meeting has been transacted Dr. James L. Maxwell will give an address on "Medical Work in Formosa," illustrated by lantern slides, coloured by Japanese artists.

Those who wish to join the Third Summer Camp convened by the Nurses' Missionary League, for fully trained Nurses, or those in course of full training, to be held at Briarcliffe, Mundesley, from June 23rd to June 30th, should make application as soon as possible. The purpose of the camp is (1) A Holiday, which will be an opportunity of inspiration and help in the Christian life, and (2) To consider the work of the Nurses' Missionary League as a missionary agency, and a bond between all Christian Nurses. The cost is most moderate, and an application form, giving all particulars, may be obtained from Miss Richardson, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W., or Miss Macfee, Maryon House, Frogmal Lane, Hampstead, N.W.

The *American Journal of Nursing* makes known that missionary nurses are needed for foreign service in China and the Philippines, Asia Minor, India, Syria, and Korea.

We recently mentioned that the nurses in several of the large London hospitals maintain beds abroad in connection with missionary work. We learn that a "Rahere" bed is maintained in China in connection with the Church Missionary Society, by Bart's Nurses. This is a work which certainly would have the

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