

Nursing Echoes.



Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) has promised to attend the annual meeting of the Kensington District Nursing Association, to be held in the Kensington Vicarage garden on Wednesday, June 30th. Her Royal Highness is President of the Association, which is affiliated with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and trains and provides nurses for the sick poor in their own homes.

Another six pupils of the Salpêtrière Training School; Paris, have arrived at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and will undergo a two months' training in the wards with a view to their acquiring a knowledge of English methods of nursing. Their visit has been timed so that they may be in London for the International Congress of Nurses at the Caxton Hall next month.

A special meeting of the Council of the Charity Organisation Society will be held on Monday, the 28th June, at 4.30 p.m., at Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W., when Miss Amy Hughes, of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Institute will read a paper on "Provident Nursing." Sir Alfred Lyall, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., will take the chair, and the Right Rev. the Bishop of Islington will speak.

Under the auspices of the Seamen's Hospital Society, two courses of lectures to nurses on tropical subjects are given at the London School of Tropical Medicine, Royal Albert Dock, E., beginning respectively in October and February. Each course consists of 10 Lectures, and the fee for the course is £2 2s., with an additional fee of £1 1s. from those nurses who enter for the subsequent examination. A certificate is awarded to successful candidates. The subjects of the lectures will include—(1) Personal Hygiene in the Tropics, outfit, clothing, exercise, food, alcohol, baths, etc.; (2) Enteric Fever and Dysentery; (3) Cholera and Heat Stroke, Dr. Duncan; (4) Abscess of Liver, special surgical requirements in the Tropics, care of instruments, etc., Mr. Cantlie; (5) Plague and Beri-Beri, (6) Dengue, Sleeping Sickness, and Blackwater Fever, Dr. Sandwith; (7) Leprosy, Skin Diseases, Prickly Heat, Boils, Ulcers, Dhobie Itch, etc., Dr. McLeod; (8) Malaria and Mosquitoes; (9) Yellow Fever, Filariasis, Sprue and Hill Diarrhoea, Dr. Daniels; (10) Intestinal Worms, Treatment

of Patients preliminary to vermifuges, examination of fæces for the worms, etc., Dr. Leiper. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Matron at the Albert Dock Hospital, Connaught Road, Albert Dock, London, E. Nurses in the tropics constantly have to care for patients suffering from the above diseases, often far from medical assistance, so that the lectures should be of much value to them.

Amongst the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee to be found in the Provisional Agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association, to be held at Belfast on the 23rd of July, are three motions dealing with the Duties of School Nurse in connection with inspection and treatment. It is laid down that in inspection the duty of the School Nurse should be simply to assist the School Medical Officer, and that in treatment she should act under the instruction and supervision of the practitioner in charge of the patient, and should, as far as possible, receive written instructions from him, and that the duties of the School Nurse should be defined in written rules including the foregoing provisions.

We referred in our last issue to the evidence of Miss Ina Stanfeld, Inspector under the Local Government Board, published in the Report of the Poor Law Commission, in which she stated that she would like to see outdoor uniform for nurses abolished, because it is no protection to nurses, rather the reverse, being worn by women of all grades of character, women who are trained and who are not trained. The *Surrey Comet*, referring to Miss Stanfeld's evidence, says that as recently as Saturday, May 22nd, women in nurses' uniform were calling from house to house in Kingston, ostensibly endeavouring to sell a particular brand of soap. We seem to have heard of a similar canvass in Kingston before. The "nurses" wear a brown uniform, and carry bags containing some commodity which they are desirous of submitting for purchase, and bundles of handbills.

A representative of the above paper, who called upon Miss A. Smith, Matron of the Kingston Union Infirmary, was informed by her that the nurses there were not encouraged to wear outdoor uniform, though, if it were not abused, it would be very convenient for a nurse who had only a limited time off duty. Miss Smith said further: "Here we take probationers for three months on trial. If at the end of that time we decline to keep them there is nothing to prevent them from wearing the

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