

### Nursing Echoes.

At a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the offices, 58, Victoria Street, last week, it was stated that a suggested scheme of the London County Council for co-operation in school nursing with the Queen's nurses, has been approved by the Board of Education, and work has commenced in Hackney and Shoreditch. It is anticipated that the scheme will be shortly in operation in other districts. It was also reported that the Countess of Dudley is hoping to start district nursing in Australia on the lines of the work undertaken by the institute.

Her Majesty the Queen has awarded the Gold Badge of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses to Miss J. Cowper, Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of the Institute. A well-deserved honour.

There was a large attendance at the Nurses' Lodge, N.W., on Wednesday in last week, to hear an address from the Hon. Albinia Brodrick on "Morality in Relation to Health." Miss Brodrick drew attention to the scant instruction given in most nursing schools on the subject of venereal diseases, yet nurses, she said, had to meet them and deal with them, and should surely know enough about them for their own safeguarding, and to enable them to help their patients as preventive workers. The speaker emphasised the opportunities which nurses had for educational work on the subject of venereal diseases, as well as in actually combatting them, and insisted that the right standpoint for nurses to take was the scientific one. In many instances the question was not a moral one, since the sufferers from these terrible diseases were entirely innocent.

Miss Brodrick mentioned the difficulty of obtaining statistics as to the prevalence of venereal diseases since when they are the cause of death the fact is usually omitted from death certificates for fear of hurting the susceptibilities of the relatives. The Address was received with great attention, and in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said that the days of prudery were pass-

ing, and were being succeeded by those of purity. She hoped that through the Standing Committee on Morality and Public Health, to be organised by the National Council of Trained Nurses, the nurses of the United Kingdom would be able to do quiet and useful work in this direction. Miss Nevile, Matron of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, in seconding the vote of thanks, said she had been extremely interested, and inspired to instruct her own nurses on the subject.

A stained glass window, depicting the Annunciation, of which we are glad to be able to print a reproduction on this page, has been placed in St. Luke's Church, Kingston-on-Thames, in memory of the late Miss J. A. Smith, for nine years Matron of the Kingston Infirmary, by her relations, friends, and fellow worshippers. The window, which is by Messrs. Hemming and Co., of London, was dedicated at an impressive service, attended by members of the Board of Guardians, Dr. Donald, the medical officer, Miss A. Smith, the present Matron, and many Sisters and nurses. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Reginald Wright, gave a touching address, in which he spoke of the patience and courage with which the late Miss Smith bore pain and faced death during her last illness.



Memorial Window to the Late Miss J. A. Smith.

Recently there has been opened in Bristol a Mothers' and Babies' Welcome on the lines of that which is doing such good work in St. Pancras, and in connection with it the Nurses' Social Union organised an interesting exhibit demonstrating the appliances needed in the sick room, and methods of improvising these from simple materials. Those who remember the ingenious exhibits sent to the International Nursing Exhibition at Caxton Hall in July, by the Nurses' Social Union, will not need to be told that the Bristol exhibition was well worth a visit.

At a meeting of the Leicester Board of Guardians, a letter was read from the Matron in reply to one from the Guardians, asking for her resignation. The Matron respectfully declined to tender her resignation on the grounds that the allegations in the Guardians' letter with reference to the discharge of her duties at the North Evington Infirmary were absolutely

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