

Nursing Echoes.



A meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held on the evening of "Conference" Day, January 25th, as several members from a distance will be up in London. Miss Mollett, the new Hon. Secretary, has great faith in the possibilities for usefulness of the Council, and has arranged for Discussions on Hospital and Infirmary Kitchens and Laundries. Miss Musson, of Birmingham, will present a Paper on Kitchens, and Miss H. Todd, of Wandsworth, one on Laundries. These domestic departments are of the greatest importance in the scheme of hospital management, and much more depends on their good management than is usually acknowledged.

The last number of the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* closes the sixth volume, and with the present year some important alterations are to be made. The Magazine will appear four times a year instead of three as heretofore, and the months of issue will be January, April, July, and October, the change to take effect in April. In 1911 the subscription will be raised to 1s. 6d.

Under the new arrangement the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute will avail itself of the Magazine for circulating notices and sending instructions, to Queen's Nurses, and it is hoped that this will be an additional inducement to them to support it. It needs and deserves the support of all Queen's Nurses, as well as of the Hon. Secretaries of local associations.

We hope that Lady Dudley, who is known to be sympathetic with the maintenance of efficient nursing standards, and in the West of Ireland employed only thoroughly trained Queen's nurses, will, in helping the organisation of district nursing in Australia, encourage the same high standard as that of the Queen's Nurses at home, and insist upon a living wage. One wonders what is going to happen in the future in England to all the poor cottage nurses, subsisting in their working days on such small salaries, that they cannot save a penny for old age.

Mr. Isaac Landau, Hon. Secretary of the Kosher Kitchen at the German Hospital, Dalston, is appealing for contributions to its endowment fund. These should be sent to Mr. J. Schwarzschild, Treasurer, 58, Pembridge Villas, W.

The annual "At Home" given by the nursing and resident staff at Charing Cross Hospital is always excellently arranged, and that which took place on Thursday last week was most enjoyable. The guests were received in the Out-patient Waiting Hall by Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, the Matron, and Mr. Sydney Welham, Resident Medical Officer. The concert given in the Great Hall of the Hospital was charming and most entertaining, and was highly appreciated by the large audience. The impersonations of well-known actors by Miss Gladys Marsden were wonderfully clever; so were the illusions of Simbri, Oriental illusionist and conjuror; and "The Grotesques," under the direction of Mr. Vere Smith, brought down the house.

The Buffet, after the concert, was in the Dispensary Hall, which had been most charmingly decorated, the prevailing note being red. Fairy lights glowed through ruby glasses, the lamps had big poppy shades, poppies wreathed the pillars, and red japonica, made by clever fingers and trained up the framework of screens, converted them into pretty trellis work. The hosts and hostesses are greatly to be congratulated on the success of the evening. With so genial a hostess and capable organiser as Miss Heather-Bigg, this was a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Edward Henry Cardwell, of 11, Cromwell Place, South Kensington, who died at Newmarket in November, left, amongst his bequests, one of £4,000 to Nurse Susan Wareing, which will bring in a comfortable income.

Two rich and original people who have had occasion to employ nurses from time to time sent them this Christmas most acceptable gifts. These were little "lucky puddings" in diminutive basins. Imagine the amusement of the recipients when partaking of these "surprises" to discover several golden sovereigns in each. In one case the nurse shared her pudding with her maid, who went home the richer with a new ten shilling piece! All's well that ends well, but how easy to swallow these delectable little coins!

The new Nurses' Home of the Cumberland Infirmary, at Carlisle, is now open, and occupied. A number of guests invited by the Matron, Miss Cummins, recently inspected it, and had tea. The Home, which supersedes the accommodation formerly used for the nurses over the old entrance, consists of a ground floor and two storeys above. At the base there is a spacious dining hall, with library adjoining, and a handsomely furnished sitting room. The

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