

## Nursing Echoes.



At the time of the death of the late King the members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service subscribed for a cross to be laid on his tomb, and it has been found that there is a surplus of £93. The Queen Mother has expressed the desire that this sum shall be handed over to the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund as the nucleus of a King Edward VII. memorial annuity, to be awarded to a disabled nurse who has been a member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. The Council of the Fund have issued an appeal for funds to enable them to found this annuity. To endow a memorial annuity of 10s. a week in perpetuity the sum of £900 is required. Further details may be obtained from Dr. Ogier Ward, Hon. Secretary, 73, Cheapside. We are asked to state that if any members of the Territorial Nursing Service have not already subscribed to their own special fund, the Principal Matrons, or Miss Sidney Browne, 31a, Mortimer Street, W., will receive subscriptions till the end of this month.

The Cookery and Food Exhibition, promoted by the Universal Cookery and Food Association, will this year be held from November 1st to November 5th inclusive, at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W. The section of chief interest to nurses is Section III. in Group B, Invalid Cookery, in which Class 32 is a special class open only to trained nurses. The entrance fee is 1s., and entries must be sent in before October 15th. The dishes in this section will be exhibited on November 3rd and 4th. The exhibits are to comprise an invalid tray containing a dish of fish or meat, a light pudding, jelly, or custard, and two beverages, including beef tea or a soup.

Class 33, invalid trays, including the same dishes as Class 32, will be open to all except trained nurses, and in Class 33a, the exhibits will be invalid trays containing five meatless dishes, including soup and a beverage. The dishes in Classes 33 and 33a will be exhibited on November 1st and November 2nd. The prizes to be awarded in these classes are a Gold Medal, Silver Medals, Bronze Medals, Cookery Books, and certificates of merit.

These exhibitions are not commercial speculations, but are intended to be of real educational value to the community, and the profits will be devoted to educational and charitable purposes, and for the benefit of the Benevolent

Fund of the Association. The Exhibition Offices are at 329, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.

The Valedictory Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, when nurses will be dismissed to the foreign mission field, will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Two members of the League have recently left for work abroad—Miss E. Plumbly (St. Bartholomew's Hospital), for South Africa, in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and Miss McMinn (Belfast Infirmary), for Assiut, Upper Egypt, in connection with the American Mission.

In the absence of the Lord Mayor of Bradford, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Mr. James Hill, last week presented the medals and certificates to the nurses of the Bradford Royal Infirmary who had passed the recent examinations. Mr. George Priestman presided. The report of the Examiners, read by Dr. Phillips, stated that every one of the twelve nurses examined gained the certificate of merit, and three of them (Nurses Hurdley, Dowson, and Woodhouse) obtained an average of over 75 per cent. of marks. Among the seniors Nurse Morgan, last year's silver medallist, won the gold medal with an average of 77.5, Nurse Gilbertson being second with 73. Nurse Stephenson was first amongst the juniors, and therefore the silver medallist, with an average of 79.25. Mr. Hill, after presenting the medals and certificates, said in addressing those present that it was very gratifying to find the nurses working so hard to make themselves proficient.

At a meeting of the Gillingham Town Council last week, on the minutes of the Health Committee being presented, Councillor Tapp said it had come to his knowledge that on July 20th a child had broken out of the hospital at 10 o'clock at night, and made its way home, arriving there at 10.20. The child was suffering from scarlet fever, and it was a very wet and cold night. He would like to know whether this matter was considered in the report of the Medical Officer.

The Medical Officer said the nurse came to his house late at night, but failed to make him hear, as he had no night bell. She reported the matter next morning.

Councillor Tapp thought it a shame that the Council was given no information on this matter. This was not the first time a child had broken out of the hospital.

The Medical Officer said the case was not a severe one, and there was only one other child in hospital. The boy escaped while the nurse had left the ward to have a bath. Seeing one

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