

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Counsel and Sister Montgomery, of the Fever Hospital, the two ladies who were sent by Blackburn branch of the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy Corps to join the unit of the Corps who went out to the Balkans a few months ago, have arrived home safely. Both ladies have numerous mementoes presented to them by their patients in the Near East. There is one gift above all which Miss Counsel says she cherishes, and that is a miniature ambulance outfit presented as an appreciation of her work by the Queen of Bulgaria.

Miss L. L. Dock has presented the new volumes 3 and 4 of "A History of Nursing" to the International Nursing Library, a gift which completes the set of four thus generously donated by her. In her lavish way she presented the two first volumes to many friends and nursing schools; then the financial loss was her own; now that she has made over to the International Council of Nurses certain royalties on the two last volumes issued, she will not be able to distribute them wholesale, this from no diminution of generosity, but because the more sold the better for the finances of the International, which needs support to carry on its great educational and humanising campaign.

The action of the Shirebrook district nurse in refusing to dress the injuries of the little boy, Walter Siven (4), of Portland Street, Shirebrook, who died as the result of burns, and whose death Dr. Joyce partially attributed to improper dressings, was discussed at a meeting of the Shirebrook Nursing Association. The parents of the child had not subscribed to the association for five years, and in refusing to treat the case the nurse was only carrying out a rule of the association which the committee had directed her specially to enforce. The members expressed complete confidence in the nurse and their satisfaction in the way in which she discharged her duties, and decided to bear the whole of the responsibility themselves. In our opinion they could do no less. A resolution was also passed instructing the nurse to respond to all calls for treatment, but, except in needy cases, not to make further visits unless the patients become subscribers to the association.

The Executive Committee of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses has adopted the following resolution:—

That, in view of the terms of the report of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Committee

and of the expression of approval of the work done by Queen's Nurses in the Highlands and Islands, following on similar expressions in the reports of the Departmental Committee of the Local Government Board for Scotland (1904), and of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws and Relief of Distress (1909), the Executive Committee of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses urges that the claims of these nurses may be recognised in the allocation of any Government grant towards the support of medical service in the Highlands; that copies of the above resolution be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary for Scotland, and to the Chairman of the National Health Insurance Commission for Scotland.

At the quarterly meeting of the Scottish Council the report on the past three months' work was submitted. It showed that the Council were directly responsible for eight Queen's Nurses and twenty probationers receiving instruction in the Training Home. Miss White had taken up her duties as superintendent of the Training Home in succession to Miss Philp. Seven nurses had completed training, and had been engaged by local committees at Clydebank, Tollcross, Campbeltown, Blackridge, Kelso, Dunbar, and Strathaven. Two new branches had been affiliated—viz., Kelso and Blackridge. Ninety-two visits of inspection had been paid, and reports thereon had been received by the Executive Committee. One thousand six hundred and ninety-two cases had been nursed in Edinburgh by the nurses from the Training Home, involving 31,330 visits, and 530 cases remained on the books at the end of the quarter. Donations received amounted to £91 3s., subscriptions £106 3s. 3d.

At its recent meetings the National Council of women in Germany passed some strong and very useful resolutions on nursing matters, emphasizing the necessity of organization, and demanding the adjustment of professional grievances. Sister Agnes was to the fore, full of wise suggestions.

The charming picture, for which we are indebted to the kindness of the Editor of the "Woman's Platform" in the *Standard*, is typical of the part that Servian women are playing in the war in the Near East. It represents the hero of Rumanovo, who had seven wounds, with his nurse, Mme. Markovica. The small boy is also a volunteer nurse. The correspondent of our contemporary says: "Servian women have never shown so much activity, sacrifice, and energy as during the

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