

NURSING ECHOES.

The pass list of the Examination of the Fever Nurses' Association will arouse interest in this valuable educational departure. We would earnestly recommend all nurses who intend taking up private, school, or colonial nursing, to try to obtain this certificate in conjunction with that for general nursing. A knowledge of the nursing of infectious diseases is of the utmost value in all these departments of nursing.

Miss F. C. Joseph, who states that "much attention is at present being given to nursing matters, and everyone at all intimately acquainted with them has to acknowledge that the time has come when some reorganization of the profession is becoming imperative in the interest of the nurse, the patient, and the public," discusses in the current issue of *The Englishwoman* "A Scheme for Training Nurses," as she believes that "one of the most pressing needs is some standardization of training." Much of the article, to which we propose to refer at greater length next week, is admirable.

A meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the National Union of Nurses was recently held at the Secretary's rooms. It was decided to hold a meeting on the second Saturday in each month. The November meeting is to be held at the Union Infirmary, by kind invitation of the Superintendent Nurse, who is Treasurer to the Branch. There will be a lecture and tea. All nurses wishing to join are invited to attend or to send in their names to the Hon. Sec., 94, Southgate Street, The Cross, Gloucester.

Apparently the difficulty of obtaining a sufficient supply of nurses is not confined to hospitals and infirmaries, but extends also to asylums. The London County Council have decided from April 1st, 1914, to adopt an amended scale of remuneration for the nurses in their asylums. Head night nurses will have a commencing salary of £45 per annum, instead of £42 10s., rising to £53; head day nurses will begin at £45 per annum, instead of £37, as at present, and rise to £50 instead of £45. A new class of nurse—special charge nurses—is to be created, including those who have day charge of infirmary and difficult wards. These will begin at a salary of £38, rising to £42. First-class and ordinary charge nurses will receive £31, instead of £29 per

annum, rising to £37, and second-class nurses will begin at £20, instead of £19 10s., and after a probation of twelve months will rise on confirmation to £24 per annum. These salaries are in addition to board, lodging, washing, and uniform.

We are informed that the President of the Penzance District Nursing Association gave the two Queen's Nurses working for the Association a delightful holiday this autumn in the shape of a sea trip round the coasts of Scotland, herself defraying the travelling expenses for both. This was indeed a generous and practical way of showing appreciation of good work. All nurses need a good annual holiday, but few district nurses can afford to spend much money on securing the rest and complete change which will send them back to their work refreshed in mind and body. No better way could be devised for helping nurses than that chosen by this most thoughtful President.

At the annual meeting of the Barnstaple District Nursing Association, the highest appreciation of the services of Miss Haynes, the Association's nurse, was expressed. Since the inauguration of the Association the cases treated had been 3,693, and visits paid 42,635, figures which the committee thought must bring home to the inhabitants of the town the important and good work done by the nurse, Miss Haynes.

Miss Perkins gave an admirable address on the "Prevention and Cure of Consumption" at the annual meeting of the March District Nursing Association. She enlarged upon the necessity for co-operative effort on the part of all, and gave her audience some sound advice on the need of fresh air, nourishing food, and cleanliness.

If we could only get back to the health sustaining food which in former days came out of the "cottage pot" we should hear less of consumption, debility and anæmia amongst the rural poor.

It was indeed a succulent diet. Stock, bacon or bones, cabbage, onions, potatoes, dumplings, meal and seasoning, all bubbling together, and poured steaming hot into large pudding basins. We have often watched with admiration young farm "chaps" shovel this savoury mess down the "red lane" with a tablespoon, and observed their shining countenances after repletion. Our French neighbours know the value of this *pot au feu*.

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