

NURSING ECHOES.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held in London on January 30th at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Miss Mollett, Hon. Secretary, will be pleased to receive applications for membership by that date.

Writing in *Answers on Overwork in the Wards*, Miss Heather-Bigg, of Charing Cross Hospital, says that the public alone can assist the underpaid nurse by supplying hospital authorities with more money to expend in management. Miss Heather-Bigg suggests that through King Edward's Hospital Fund the public should make it clear that a portion of their subscriptions should be earmarked to supplement nurses' incomes—so that they shall receive an adequate standard salary. We fear this excellent suggestion is addressed to deaf ears.

Mrs. Strong, for so many years the progressive Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, intends to start at an early date for a tour round the world. Mrs. Strong is an officer of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and as such will, we know, be accorded very special welcome in every country federated with us in the International Council of Nurses.

A correspondent draws our attention to a few advertisements for nurses which have appeared in the Press during the past few weeks. Stepney Union.—Female assistant nurse. Salary £18, rising to £20. "The person appointed will be required to assist in the cooking of meals at the Infirmary."

Fisherton Asylum, Salisbury. — Assistant nurses required; not less than three years' experience; £22 and uniform.

Wycombe Union.—Wardmaid. Salary £18, rising to £21 in twelve months, with officer's rations, residence, and washing, but no allowance for uniform. The duties will be similar to those of an assistant nurse!

Longtown Union.—A nurse for inmates of the Workhouse. Salary, £21 to £23. A general servant; wages, £20.

A kind, willing mental nurse. Salary, £16.

The first Annual Re-union of the Kensington Infirmary Nurses' League, held at the Infirmary, Marloes Road, W., was a great success. The guests were received by the Matron, Miss Alsop, and the Chaplain, the Rev. A. Lombardini, in the delightful Board

Room, where tea was served. On all sides one heard the opinion expressed that the League was "a grand idea."

After tea there was service in the beautiful chapel, in the course of which the members of the nursing staff sang charmingly the Christmas Carol, "The Virgin's Lullaby." An eloquent address was given by the Rev. Canon Rivington, M.A., Vicar of Putney. Afterwards there was a Social Gathering, and later a presentation of League Badges (here reproduced), with gold ones for the Matron (Miss Alsop), the Assistant Matron (Sister Saunders), who has twenty years' service to her credit, the Home Sister (Sister Hunter) with eleven, and for Miss Bogle and Miss Hilda Jones, with whom the honours rested in the Matron's report in this year's examinations.



PRIVATE NURSING.

Christmas greetings, with the best of good wishes for a glad New Year, have come to the office of the Registered Nurses' Society from many old members of the Staff, several of whom are now in very distant lands. Letters, cards, and photos, &c., have crossed the oceans from Miss Child, Lady Superintendent, King Edward VII Order of Nurses, Kronstad, O.F.S.; Sister Spencer at Scott's Sanatorium, Nairobi; Mrs. MacNeill (Sister Fraser) in her new home at Livingstone, Rhodesia; Sister Robins, the General Hospital, Auckland, N.Z., and Sister Minall, who greeted us from the

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