

NURSING ECHOES.

The courses of training for sanitary officers, health visitors, and school nurses arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute, commencing on September 20th and October 1st, are of particular interest just now, when so many educated women are being appointed on the staff of public health authorities, and the demand for trained women appears to be increasing.

The training not only includes lectures, but practical demonstrations in the Museum of Sanitary Appliances, visits to public works and other places of sanitary interest, and the use of a reference library, lending library, and reading room.

The lectures are followed by the standard examinations of the Institute, which are recognised in all parts of the British Empire.

A special course of lectures to assist school teachers, and other students entering for the examinations in school hygiene, including elementary physiology, and for women health visitors, tuberculosis visitors, and school nurses, will also be given at the Institute, beginning on Monday, October 4th, at 7 p.m. Special arrangements will be made for each student to attend a course of six infant consultations, under the direction of Dr. Eric Pritchard.

The next examinations held by the Institute in London will be on December 10th and 11th. Candidates who desire to enter for the Health Visitors' Examination must produce evidence of nursing training. The fee for the course is £1 1s., and students desirous of attending the lectures are requested to send in their names at once to the Secretary of the Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

A provincial sessional meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held in the Permanent Art Gallery, Brighton, on September 3rd and 4th. The chair will be taken each day at 10.30 a.m. by Sir Henry Tanner, C.B., Chairman of the Council of the Institute. There will be discussions on such interesting questions as Indian sanitation, camp sanitation, maternity and child welfare, and the final report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal.

Miss Isabel Stewart, one of Miss Nutting's pupils at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and now her most able assistant at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, has been spending her vacation in this country, and many nurses who know her well by correspondence, and from the good work she

has done in connection with the College, have had the pleasure of meeting her.

Miss Stewart would not be a true disciple of her chief if she were not an enthusiast on nursing education, and she is specially interested in the possibilities of Preliminary Training for Nurses. Like so many of the distinguished graduates of the Johns Hopkins, Miss Stewart is a Canadian, and indeed the patriotic purpose which inspired her to cross the Atlantic at this particular time was to give some service to the sick and wounded. Though this has not proved possible, she has seen various military and other hospitals, and, with that quick grasp which is characteristic of so many of our colleagues on the other side of the Atlantic, has added considerably to her store of knowledge. All good wishes go with her on the return voyage.

When the disabled British prisoners arrived at Gravesend there were, says a contemporary, six officers and 320 rank and file, mostly in khaki, but several in nondescript attire made up from the military kits of Belgium, France, and Germany. Their bandages and crutches, missing limbs, injured sight, and—in some cases—year's imprisonment, had failed to damp their patriotism or their spirits.

As they neared the Dutch frontier, the train stopped at a small town in Belgium, where a pretty incident occurred. A young girl of unknown nationality rushed to the side of the train and threw in a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which was divided up among the men, who are carefully preserving them to take back to England.

Miss M. Ard Mackenzie, Chief Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, in her report for 1914 to the Board of Governors of the Order, states that the work in the various branches has gone along in the usual splendid way, and with the accustomed efficiency. Though the Victorian Order committees and nurses are active in Red Cross, Patriotic, and Belgian relief work, yet they have not relaxed their efforts in the old necessary work in connection with their local philanthropies. Miss Ard Mackenzie says in part:—
"In a number of the branches the school nursing is being done by our nurses.

The Victorian Order nurse is peculiarly well fitted to take up this work in all its fullness. The prominence, too, that is being given to prenatal, child welfare, and social service work should also be noted.

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