

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Lord Mayor (Colonel and Alderman Sir Charles Wakefield), accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, visited the Royal Free Hospital on Wednesday last week, and presented the gold medal, given by the Master of the Cordwainers' Company—who this year is the Lord Mayor himself—to Miss I. C. M. Little, who gained the first place in the final examination of nurses this year, and is now Sister of Marsden Ward. At the same time he presented a prize of books, given by the Weekly Board, to Miss Allen, who headed the list in the examination of junior nurses.

The Lord Mayor paid a warm tribute to the heroism of women in Serbia and elsewhere, in their care of the sick and wounded during the war.

The Royal Free Hospital has a very special interest in Serbia, having sent Miss Irvine Robertson and other highly qualified nurses to work there in the hospital in charge of Mr. James Berry.

Authority to provide for the registration of establishments for massage or special treatment in London has, as our readers are aware, been given to the London County Council under a General Powers Act promoted by the Council which has received the Royal Assent.

The County Council has now issued a public notice that on and after February 1st no person may carry on an establishment for the reception or treatment of persons requiring massage, manicure, chiropody, light, electric vapour, or other baths, or other similar treatment, unless the name of such person and the premises used for that purpose are registered with the Council. Application for registration, accompanied by a maximum fee of one guinea, must be made to the Council on or before December 23rd. Establishments conducted by medical practitioners under certain conditions are exempt.

The "living out" system has sometimes been advocated, and regarded, as a concession which would be much appreciated by nurses. It is therefore interesting to observe how it is regarded in practice. Five assistant nurses were recently reported to the Grimsby Board of Guardians for insubordination, their grievance being that they were expected to live out, a system which necessitated their rising very early in the morning to get to their duties at the workhouse, and also entailed their leaving late at night. The Chairman agreed that a taxi-cab should be provided to convey them to and from their lodgings, but this did not



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placate the nurses, who eventually resigned.

At a recent meeting of the Merthyr Board of Guardians the House Committee's report included a statement from the Master in regard to the attendance of the Superintendent Nurse, Miss Templeman, at the Red Cross Hospital, Aberdare, submitting a record showing the time spent away from the institution by the Superintendent Nurse, which the Committee considered unreasonable, and out of all proportion to what was intended. The Committee added that they had instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Superintendent Nurse, stating

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