

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Beatrice Kent, greatly impressed with the striking personality of Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N., the Superintendent of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals in New York, sends us the Address delivered by her at the Nurses' Conference at San Francisco. Many British nurses will, we feel sure, desire to thank Miss Noyes for her demand for more efficient systems of education, and her sympathy with them in the depreciation of nursing standards in military circles throughout Europe.

Miss Kent also sends us a very interesting letter, which will appear next week. The rush of events was so intense in Conference week that there was little time for letter-writing, but now that she has arrived in British Columbia, as a guest on her brother's fruit farm near Vernon, we shall hope for ripe reflections after the great event.

We note in the annual report of the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, which was read at the seventy-ninth anniversary court, the following appreciative reference to the Nursing Staff:—

The report of the Examiner on the practical and theoretical knowledge of the nurses sitting for examination is most gratifying to the hospital authorities, showing as it does that the practical training in particular is most thorough and efficient.

The Board decided to continue its offer of four qualified nurses for Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service in case of War or National Emergency, and immediately on the outbreak of hostilities four members of the nursing staff were called up and were released from their duties here. In this action the Board has the honour to record the receipt of a personal letter of thanks from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

In addition to these, three members of the nursing staff left to take up positions with the Territorial Force.

In addition to the increased salaries mentioned in the last annual report, the Board has found it necessary to further increase the salaries and to give special war honorariums to sisters, staff nurses, and probationers in their last year.

To the Matron (Miss M. Deane) and to the Deputy-Matron (Miss M. Collet), as well as to the ward sisters and nursing staff generally, great credit is due for sustained effort during times of great stress, loyalty to the institution, and loving devotion to the patients under their care.

The annual meeting of the Huddersfield and District, Victoria Sick Poor Nurses' Association was held at the Home, Clare Bank, last week, when the eighteenth annual report was submitted. During the year there had been 1,389 applications for the nurses' services, and 34,881 visits had been made to patients. These figures compared with those of last year showed a decrease of thirteen cases undertaken, but an increase of 883 visits, and they might probably be taken to indicate the maximum attainable by the nurses employed without the risk of sacrifice of efficiency. The nurses had attended 134 operations in the patients' own homes, a service which was of great value to the patient, and was much appreciated by the doctor performing the operation. The maternity nurse had attended 134 cases, making 3,195 visits.

The inspector of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses visited the home in May, and inspected the work of the staff in the various districts. The following is the official report:—"The record of the year's work is again an excellent one, and it is pleasing to note the steady growth of the midwifery branch and the substantial increase in the midwifery fees received. This year has also seen a further development of the work undertaken of training of the district midwifery pupils from the Crosland Moor Infirmary, four of these pupils having obtained the C.M.B. certificate. The serious breakdown in health of Miss Jones, the hard-working Superintendent, occurring just as the inspection was made, came as a grievous shock. Everything concerning the home and the district was found in splendid order." The committee deeply regretted that in consequence of ill-health the Superintendent, Miss Jones, had been obliged to resign her position. During the five and a half years she had been in charge of the home, the ordinary district work had greatly increased, and the midwifery branch had become much more important, requiring the most vigilant attention. The committee realised that it was largely owing to the ability and conscientious care with which Miss Jones had superintended the work of the staff, and to the high standard of efficiency which she had established in the home, that the Association had grown so much in usefulness during this period. They trusted that in the near future she might be restored to health and strength and enabled to take up again in some lighter sphere the work in which she takes so deep an interest.

A privilege which amateur nurses are claiming is the right to free rides at the expense of tramway companies. This concession was recently unanimously refused to local Red Cross

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