

NURSING ECHOES.

A memorial fund is to be raised to perpetuate the memory of the late Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Dauber, R.A.M.C., in command of the East Anglian Clearing Hospital, who lost his life in the sinking of the transport ship *Royal Edward*, on her way to the Dardanelles, in September last. It is hoped to raise £250, and as Dr. Dauber was for many years lecturer to the nursing staff at the Soho Hospital for Women, and the training of the nurses on the theoretical side of their work was entrusted entirely to him, it has been decided to institute a fund to be called "The Dr. Dauber Memorial Nurses' Prize Fund," the income to be applied yearly in distributing prizes to the members of the nursing staff of that hospital. Donations should be sent to the secretary, Mr. Alfred Hayward, Hospital for Women, Soho Square, London, W.

The new regulations in connection with the registration of massage establishments under the London County Council General Powers Act, 1915, passed on October 28th, come into force on Tuesday next, February 1st. On and after that date no person can carry on a massage establishment in the County of London unless the name of the person and the premises are registered with the London County Council, or, in the case of the City of London, with the Corporation. The same applies to Lying-in Homes.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Association of Poor Law Unions, the General Purposes Committee reported that they had had under consideration a letter from the Stockport Guardians drawing attention to the difficulty experienced by many poor law authorities in retaining the service of members of their nursing staffs owing to their frequent transference to military hospitals. The Stockport Board suggested that the military authorities should decline to engage nurses for work in military hospitals who had, within a period of three months, been employed in a poor law institution, and also pointed out that in order to meet the situation some Boards of Guardians had obtained official sanction for the payment of increased salaries. The General Purposes Committee did not feel justified in recommending competition with the military authorities as to salaries, or in preventing the employment by the military authorities of nurses not under contract with Guardians. It is difficult indeed to see how such an interference with the liberty of the subject could be enforced. The report of the committee was confirmed by the Council.

A movement is on foot, inaugurated at a private meeting addressed by the Duchess of Devonshire at Chesterfield, to move the headquarters of the Derby Nursing Association to Chesterfield, with the object of organizing the nursing in the north-eastern portion of Derbyshire on more effective lines. The General Secretary of the Chesterfield District Medical Association, referring to this at the annual meeting, said that the Association felt they should have the first call on one of the nurses. They felt they should not themselves endeavour to control nurses, but believed that through a nursing association such control would be exercised.

The 27th annual report of the Council of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses states that Scottish Queen's nurses to the number of 147 have been called up for "active service." Thirty-five of this number are engaged in service in France, Malta, Serbia, or Egypt; 90 are serving in military hospitals in the homeland, and others are attached to hospitals under the Red Cross or other agencies. From the foregoing statement it will be gathered that the work at home has been necessarily curtailed. The regular work in many districts has only been overtaken with considerable difficulty, and in some instances, owing to the impossibility of finding adequate help, has been temporarily suspended. It is largely due to the courage and devotion of the nurses themselves that the work has not suffered more severely. The Council have pleasure in recording that throughout Scotland the whole staff of nurses have given ungrudgingly of their strength and services to ensure that the dependants of the men at the front, and the sick poor generally, shall in no way suffer through lack of necessary nursing attention. During the year, 37 nurses have successfully passed through the six months' training in district nursing given in the Scottish Central District Training Home. In addition, 6 nurses have been given the special training qualifying them for the examination of the Central Midwives' Board, which they have all passed successfully. The number of Scottish Queen's nurses now on the roll is 413.

The Committee selected under the auspices of the *Matin*, and presided over by M. Painlevé, Minister of Public Instruction, has chosen as the site for the monument to be erected to the memory of Miss Cavell the corner of the wall of the Tuileries Gardens, where the Place Concorde meets the rue de Rivoli.

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