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## NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen will unveil the memorial to Florence Nightingale, which has been placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, on Monday afternoon, February 14th, at 2.15.

A number of seats for the service under the dome, which will follow the ceremony, will be reserved for nurses in uniform, but they will not

be admitted to the service in the crypt. Application for tickets should be addressed to the Secretary of the Memorial Committee, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.

The memorial takes the form of a large medallion in marble and alabaster, showing the figure of Florence Nightingale tending a wounded soldier. It is the work of Mr. **A. G. Walker.** 

The Nurses' Missionary League, if it receives a sufficient response to its appeal for financial support, is anxious to organize a club, to be known as "The Imperial Nurses' Club," for the use of members of the nursing profession, in-cluding those from overseas. The proposition has the support of Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the Army, the Lord Mayor, the Principal Matrons of the four London General Hospitals, T.F.N.S., and other well-known medical men and Matrons, the Treasurer being Major W. McAdam Eccles, R.A.M.C. (T.F.), 124, Harley Street, w., London, to whom donations should be sent.

It is believed that such a social club would be welcomed by nurses in both the large and small military hospitals at home, as well as by those on

furlough from abroad. To be able to turn into a well-managed club to meet friends would certainly be appreciated by many nurses.

The Committee are prepared to go forward provided the sum of  $\pounds 2,000$  can be raised, as it is calculated this will pay for rent, furnishing, service, and general upkeep for two years. We hope, in defining the scope of the club, the

economic position will be carefully considered, as a subsidized residential club must compete unfairly with well-managed nurses' homes, keeping afloat with difficulty just now.

We have, on more than one occasion, drawn attention to the repudiation by nurses of engagements into which they have entered, and the way in which they break contracts without



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the least compunction, if they consider this to their advantage, regardless of either honour or courtesy.

Honour demands that a contract should be kept, once it is made, even if this prevents the nurse who has entered into it from taking up more attractive work offered later, unless she is honourably released from her engagement.



