

**NURSING ECHOES.**

We ask our readers to study carefully the almost *verbatim* report, which appears in this issue, of the interview between the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., and his advisers, and the representatives of selected societies of nurses, who were invited to discuss the Voluntary Nursing College Scheme. We do not propose to criticise the scheme as now presented until after the Meeting, to take place on Thursday, March 2nd, between the official representatives of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses and Mr. Stanley and his advisers.

The Kilburn Police have made a presentation to Nurse Hosken, of the Hendon Military Hospital, who pluckily assisted a constable with two violent prisoners, whilst a number of men looked on and refused to help. We congratulate Nurse Hosken on her courageous sense of duty.

Sir William Collins presided at the Annual Meeting of the Central Council for District Nursing in London, which was held on Friday, February 25th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board Offices, E.C., when the draft annual report was approved for publication. After some discussion, the Executive Committee was authorized to prepare and publish a Directory of District Nursing.

In connection with the Report, the Executive Committee submitted the outline of a scheme for the district nursing of measles, German measles, and whooping-cough in London. It is now compulsory in England and Wales that both measles and German measles should be notified to the Medical Officer of Health. Whooping-cough is not at present notifiable, and therefore information is, chiefly derived from School Authorities.

The report contains an admirable short statement drawn up by Dr. Caiger for the guidance of a nurse in regard to measles; the whole outline should be carefully studied, for measles is one of the most fatal of diseases when neglected, and the scheme suggested affords some hope that at last, in the London area at least, skilled nursing and other agencies may be applied to its relief on a comprehensive scale.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Downes, it was agreed that an Executive Committee be appointed, one of its terms of reference being "To inquire as to the adequacy and efficiency of the provision of District Nursing within the County of London."

A most interesting item in the report of the Birmingham District Nursing Society, presented to the annual meeting on February 22nd, when the Lord Mayor, Alderman Neville Chamberlain, presided, was the reference to the provision by the Society of "works nurses" to factories within the city. In no fewer than six munition works nurses are in full practice under the supervision of the Superintendents of the Society.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Lord Mayor made

special reference to works nurses, and said he had had something to do with the establishment of the first works nurses two years ago at the B.S.A. (Birmingham Small Arms), and would like to say what a great success she had been. Not only was there the actual saving to the firm of the time of the men with slight injuries, which, owing to the skilled attention available, were prevented from developing into anything more serious, but the nurse maintained a splendid moral tone throughout the works. The fact that the B.S.A. had applied for more nurses was the best tribute to the one sent first. It was very important that where there was expensive machinery, attended to by



MISS HOSKEN.

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