

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss E. C. Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, Principal Matron of the 3rd London General Hospital (T.F.), Wandsworth, and President of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, is taking a keen interest in the meetings and conferences between the delegates of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses (on which she is one of the five representatives of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland), and Mr. Stanley and the promoters of the Voluntary Nursing College Scheme, which includes the keeping of a Register of Nurses. Miss Barton has for many years been a keen State Registrationist, and has held a watching brief for Poor Law Nurses in relation to the legal organization of nursing. She claims their right to inclusion on a State Register side by side with their voluntary hospital trained colleagues. In our opinion State Registration alone can effect this measure of justice for nurses now excellently trained in many Poor Law infirmaries. No voluntary system would have power to overcome prejudice—but firmly administered, a good law could and soon would do so.

The annual report of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation, 16, Sardinia Terrace, Glasgow West, states that the Executive Committee are pleased that so many of the nurses on the staff

have been able to take part in War Service, and that their work has been appreciated, but it has meant financial sacrifice, both to the nurses and

to the home. The remuneration for Army nursing is, of course, considerably less than what a nurse can earn at private cases on the staff of the Co-operation. As compared with



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the previous year, there is a decrease of 369 in the number of cases nursed, and a decrease in the remuneration earned by the nurses of

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