

NURSING ECHOES.

The Annual Meeting of the East London Nursing Society is to be held at the Mansion House on Wednesday, March 29th, at three o'clock, when the Bishop of London will be amongst the speakers, and the Mayors of Bethnal Green, Poplar, and Stepney will be present. The Society was founded in 1868, when the cholera epidemic of 1866 was fresh in men's mind. Ever since then it has provided nurses in some of the poorest homes in the East End. During the past year the twenty District Nurses paid over 87,000 visits, and in addition two nurses, one giving the whole and the other half of her time, were employed at the School Treatment Centres in connection with the London County Council.

The Committee feel that special efforts are necessary just now, if their work among the sick poor is not to be overlooked among many urgent claims, and we hope the meeting will be well attended.

The twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Langham Street, Portland Place, London, announces that there are now 472 fully trained nurses on the General Staff; 34 asylum-trained nurses for mental patients; and 23 nurses eligible for election working on probation for six months.

Since the outbreak of war in August, 1914, many nurses have been engaged by the War Office and Admiralty, and have been sent to France, Egypt, Malta, and elsewhere. Very few of them appear to have suffered in health, and those who have been temporarily incapacitated have been well looked after abroad and at home. The majority, who have been back from time to time on short leave, have looked amazingly bright and healthy, giving notable reports of the endurance and courage of their patients—badly wounded soldiers.

The report acknowledges the appreciation of the Committee of the work of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Hoadley, and also of Miss Laura Baker, who has just resigned the position of Sister-in-charge of the Howard de Walden Home, after twelve years' valuable service.

The Nurses' Needlework Guild, originated by Nurse Theobald, and carried on by Miss Baker, received in 1915 over 1,100 excellent garments for distribution.

The deaths of Nurses Morris, J. Holmes, and E. Burton are recorded with deep regret.

Gratuities of £16 and £11 respectively were made by the Dewsbury Joint Hospital Board to Nurse Claridge and Nurse Knox for their services in nursing smallpox patients. An objection from an absent Councillor that the gratuities were an "extravagant and wanton waste of public money" seemed singularly ill-timed when Alderman Preston recalled that when smallpox broke out, the Board tried in vain to secure private nurses in Dewsbury, Leeds, Wakefield, Harrogate, and York. Then these two nurses volunteered, and had done their work exceedingly well, and other Councillors endorsed the expressions of praise bestowed on the nurses. We agree with the view of Alderman Priestley that the nurses ought to be remunerated as well as honoured, and are glad that the recommendation of the Committee that the gratuities should be granted was carried unanimously.

By kind permission of Mrs. Arthur Stabb, a meeting of the National Food Reform Association will be held at 132, Harley Street, on Tuesday, March 28th, at 3 p.m., when the subject under discussion will be "Housekeeping in War Time." The speakers will be Miss Alice Petty (Derby), Miss Florence Petty, M.C.A. ("The Pudding Lady"), and Mr. Charles E. Hecht, M.A., M.C.A., Hon. Secretaries of the above Association. Many matrons and nurses are anxiously considering the question just now, when rising prices, and decreasing incomes, have to be considered in relation to efficiency.

A lecture in connection with the Catholic Women's League Nurses' Guild was given on "Some Phases of the War" at the Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, on Monday, March 20th. The lecturer was the Very Rev. Hugh Pope, O.P.

Dr. Roache, who gave the introductory address, said that in the course of his practice he was often asked to send Catholic nurses to his patients. Though there were a large number in London, it was sometimes very difficult to put a finger on them when they were required. He suggested, therefore, that the League should found a central organisation for the purpose of keeping a register of the Catholic nurses working in London in the various nursing institutions.

He suggested that the register should contain three grades:—(1) The nursing nuns, who, though well experienced, were not fully qualified. These ladies met an often-expressed

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