

NURSING ECHOES.

From the Annual Report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund for Disabled Nurses, signed by Princess Christian, the President, we are glad to note that the thanks of the Council are particularly offered to Miss Garriock and all the Naval and Military Nurses who have raised enough capital to found the "Queen Alexandra" (War Memorial) Annuity of £26 a year. The sum actually raised by the Staffs of Naval and Military Hospitals is £465 19s. 3d., a very substantial sum in these hard times. No doubt these ladies will take a special interest in their own annuitant. She should have many good friends.

The legacy of £1,000 from the Estate of the late Cornelius Surgey, Esq., has been received, and two Memorial Annuities have been granted, and the Sale of Work brought in £60. The Report continues:—"Whilst it is cheering to be able to report such progress, the Council feel compelled to call attention to the serious increase in the number of appeals. Eight new names have been added to the list of approved applicants during the year, in spite of systematic discouragement by the statement that there is no early prospect of obtaining relief. There are now sixty-four approved applicants on the books of the Fund, and every effort must be made to meet their claims for help. The subject will be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting to be held in February."

Groups of Poor Law Nurses are now being organized in many parts of the country as sections of the National Poor Law Officers' Association. The Yorkshire, Northumberland, Durham, and Surrey branches have recently taken steps to associate the nurses. Birmingham, on the other hand, does not apparently approve of the scheme.

We reported the formation of the Leeds Township Infirmary Nurses' League in March last year, with the Matron, Miss Parker Spann as President, the League Motto chosen being "Qui non proficit deficit" (one who advances not loses ground) very appropriate in these progressive times. Now the League has issued its first Journal for 1916-1917, which serves as a report. We alluded last week to the excellent get-up of the Journal, and would now add a word of praise on its contents. A useful feature The League Directory comes early in the make-up, and is followed by a Roll of Honour of members on military duty, of whom there are no less than 42. The Examiners' Report

of the Nurses' Final Examination is given; also a report of the Presentation of League Badges, a cut of which adorns the cover.

Dr. Faith, the Editor, writes a League Memoir of "Willie Crymble," the late Captain William Crymble, the late A.M.O., of whom he says:—"The story of his courageous devotion to his wounded charges in the bombarded church at the battle of Le Cateau has already been recorded in the Press. That day showed the heroic stuff of which he was made; and the memory of it, sub-consciously revived, must have supported him during the succeeding ten months of cruel captivity in Germany." The Beckett Street Infirmary is soon to have a permanent memorial of this faithful servant of the State who, if he did not die on the field of battle, "none the less truly died a soldier's death for Britain and for those ideals and beliefs which are the surest promise of ultimate victory." There are excellent papers and poems by Sister Falkiner and others, backed up by a goodly supply of "ads." All those who have compiled the "L.T.I." are to be heartily congratulated on the result, and we hope the nurse members of the League will realise that it is *their* Journal, and help to make it a real live publication by sending expressions of opinion and literary contributions to it.

We are glad to note that the late Sir George Franklin has left amongst other bequests, in the event of his wife leaving no issue, £5,000 to the Board of Management of the Sheffield Queen Victoria Nursing Association. Money cannot be put to better use than by promoting the health and comfort of the sick poor through highly skilled nursing. The augmentation of the salaries of Queen's Nurses might also be considered by their committees when a handsome windfall comes their way.

The annual report of the work done by Nurse Brumpton, of the Woodhall Spa Nursing Association, is an astounding document. Listen to this for the work of one woman, presumably receiving a very modest salary, to judge from the balance-sheet. During the year Nurse Brumpton has had charge of 121 cases, including 27 maternity cases, has had 20 nights on duty, has paid 2,928 nursing visits, 104 casual visits, 64 school and home visits, 63 infant health visits, 60 school and tuberculosis visits; every year the work increases.

Surely it is high time a second nurse was provided. Such a record constitutes a very serious danger of breakdown of any conscientious nurse, which no committee has the right to risk.

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