

NURSING ECHOES.

By the courtesy of Mrs. H. J. Tennant, Director of the Women's Section of National Service, a box at the Albert Hall Meeting on Saturday, March 17th, has been sent to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to be placed at the disposal conjointly of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland and the Matrons' Council. This means that although, numerically, the seats are limited, the self-governing organizations of Matrons and Trained Nurses receive the recognition which is their due.

The Annual Meeting of the East London Nursing Society will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, at 34, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., by kind invitation of Lord and Lady Glenconner. The former will take the Chair, and amongst the speakers will be the Bishop of London and Dr. D. L. Thomas, Medical Officer of Health for Stepney.

At a recent Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Mount Vernon Hospital it was decided to increase the salaries of the Nursing Staff of the Institution. The Committee have had the matter under consideration for some time, feeling especially in regard to Probationer Nurses that a more liberal scale of payment should be adopted. They have accordingly increased the scale of salaries of the whole of the staff. In future Sisters will be paid £40 rising to £45 per annum; Staff Nurses £20 per annum, and Probationer Nurses £12 for the first year and £15 for the second year, with a war bonus in each case of £5 per annum.

The Annual Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association is to be held on May 14th at the Mansion House, when the Lord Mayor will take the Chair.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary a very hopeful note was struck. It had been well supported. During the year, it was stated, Mr. John W. Hughes gave £4,500 for the purpose of enabling the committee to buy the property at the corner of Pembroke Place and Ashton Street. The acquisition of this site would make it possible to use to the utmost advantage the land already belonging to the infirmary, when circumstances permitted of the erection of the new Nurses' Home, so urgently needed.

The Bishop of Liverpool said the infirmary was doing a splendid work in the present; it was not merely working in Liverpool, but in

France, where its nurses and surgeons were performing great things. The infirmary was also looking forward to the future, and was setting an example by doing the best it could to battle with the awful scourge of venereal disease.

It would appear that Liverpool may emulate the example of the "London," St. Bartholomew's and Charing Cross Hospitals, and pay higher salaries to nurses in the principal hospitals. Wealthy Liverpool is very proud of its hospitals, and will no doubt object to playing second fiddle so far as nurses' remuneration is concerned. Indeed, it will be very difficult in the near future to obtain well-educated probationers, unless the salaries of trained nurses are substantially increased. The Censor's office, commercial houses, and munition works are coming into direct competition with the hospitals.

The annual report of the Bedford District Nursing Association, affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, is a fine record, the Inspector reports on the work of the four nurses as most excellent, and their nursing care earns the hearty gratitude of their patients. The Committee express their thanks to the nurses for their punctual and devoted discharge of their duties.

A report from the Senior Nurse is included, which shows that the total number of visits paid by the nurses during the year was 14,645. The nurses are constantly caring for the parents, wives, and children of the sailors and soldiers who are fighting for us, and also for discharged soldiers when necessary.

The long list of subscribers seems to be particularly well organized, their names appearing under the roads, &c., in which they reside, which have evidently been most thoroughly canvassed. This is not surprising when we learn that that most indefatigable worker, Mrs. Alfred Paine, is Chairman of the House Committee. Most welcome help has been given to the nurses for their patients in the way of nutritious food by the Nursing Branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association, of which Mrs. Alfred Paine is Hon. Superintendent, and the Ladies' Committee of the Bedfordshire Hospital Guild supply invalid diet to their patients who are under the nurses' care.

The American Journal of Nursing always gives us some happy and uplifting thoughts. The current number reports "that the Board of Nurse Examiners of the State of Virginia

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