

NURSING ECHOES.

The appointment of Miss Babbie, who has been acting as Matron of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, S.W., since the marriage of Miss Cooper, to the Matronship of the hospital, is welcomed by the past and present members of the nursing school, the certificate of which Miss Babbie holds.

A Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Friday, November 9th, at 4 p.m. In addition to the business meeting Miss Cancellor will speak on her work at the Hôpital de l'Océan, La Panne, Belgium. A visit has also been arranged for 2.30 p.m. to the Wellcome Medical Historical Museum, 54A, Wigmore Street, W. Any members wishing to visit this Exhibition, which is of exceptional interest, are asked to be in the Entrance Hall not later than 2.45 p.m., in order that an hour may be spent there before adjourning to 431, Oxford Street, for the 4 o'clock meeting.

At the Conference to be held under the auspices of the National Union of Trained Nurses (not the National Council, as stated by a clerical error in our issue of October 13th) at 3, Vere Street, W., the chair will be taken at the opening session on Friday, November 16th, by Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., at 2 p.m. In addition to the speakers already announced, Mr. Evans Hughes, Head of the Organizing Department of the National War Savings Committee, will speak on November 16th at 6.30 on "War Savings."

A few very interesting Exhibits, showing new treatments for wounded men, kindly lent by the Orthopædic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush, Queen Mary's Auxiliary Hospital, Roehampton, and the Maxillo-facial Hospital, Kensington, will be on view in the lecture room on the second floor.

Visits to hospitals of interest have also been

arranged for season ticket holders. All information can be obtained from the N.U.T.N. Offices, 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, S.W. 1.

Could Mrs. Ranyard, who founded the London Biblewomen's Mission 60 years ago, and its Nursing Branch in 1868, have seen the inspiring meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, on October 18th, at which Sir Alfred Pearce Gould presided, and the principal speaker was the Bishop of London, she must have rejoiced that the seed sown had grown and flourished, and whereas 50 years ago the nursing staff consisted of four nurses with three months' training, there is now a staff of 90 highly skilled nurses holding certificates of three years' training, who, in touch with the headquarters at Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C., live amongst London's poor, as the trusted friends of the people, creating centres of sweetness and light.



MRS. RANYARD. FOUNDER OF THE LONDON BIBLE WOMEN'S AND NURSES' MISSION.

A very interesting report was presented by the Hon. Secretary, Miss Irene Hett, who mentioned that the work had been disorganized by the air-raids. On the other hand, a worker in a difficult street found a group of rough women on a doorstep. They made room for her on the step, and then a chair was brought out for her from the house. That was the first hospitality she had received in that street.

She told of the sound work done, of co-operation with the Central Committee for District Nursing, of babies saved from blindness by the care of the nurses, of the convalescent home at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, where wounded soldiers, widowed mothers, and girls too run down to continue their work without a change, had been received during the present year. She told also how old friends were passing away, and war conditions were creating special difficulties, and funds were urgently needed.

She mentioned also that since she had come into the room a Treasury note case containing

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