

NURSING ECHOES.

After visiting the Docks last week the Queen paid a visit to the Albert Dock Hospital, where patients of many nationalities and colours were seen and spoken to. It was explained that naval ratings direct from the Fleet, as well as from the merchant service, minelayers, mine-sweepers, and other auxiliary vessels, were treated there. The Matron, Miss C. G. Knight, explained the ambulance arrangements connected with the hospital, and the Queen and her party were taken to the laboratory and to the museum.

Sister Agatha, of St. John's Mission House, writes:—"Thank you so much for putting our appeal in your journal; we are very rich in consequence. Help has come from a lady in Cornwall; St. Mark's Hospital, Chelsea; the General Hospital, Tottenham; and from others. We thank you ever so much."

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has consented to preside at the Meeting of the Appeal Committee announced for March 14th, at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, London, founded by the late Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.

The Appeal Committee for the memorial to Dr. E. Garrett Anderson are asking for a minimum of £50,000, or, in other words, for the endowment of 50 beds at least. The great women's colleges and schools have undertaken to collect the money for six beds, and the women writers, land workers, artists, actresses, nurses, civil servants, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, the domestic servants, dress-makers, musicians, and other groups of women workers are being asked each to contribute to the bed given by their several professions.

On the initiative of the Rev. A. Lombardini, Chaplain, St. Elizabeth's Church, Kensington Infirmary, W. 8, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral have acceded to the request that a memorial service shall be held in the Cathedral as a public tribute to the nurses who have given their lives for their country during the war. It is hoped that the service may be arranged for the second or third week after Easter, and Mr. Lombardini, who is compiling a Roll of Honour, will be pleased to receive the names and particulars of any nurses who should be included.

We are glad to see from the report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, of which

H.R.H. the Princess Christian is President, that the Fund had a successful year in 1917. A specially interesting feature is that £561 15s. have been contributed by the staffs of Naval and Military Hospitals towards a "Queen Alexandra" (War Memorial) Annuity, and £592 by Territorial Force Nursing Staffs towards a "King Edward VII Memorial" Annuity. The quiet way in which this Fund is conducted, and, more especially, the way in which nurses themselves are contributing towards it, indicate the method by which such an organization should be managed. The humiliating advertisements and posters which just now flood the public press and deface the hoardings of the Metropolis, claiming support on behalf of a "Nation's Fund for Nurses," could only have been conceived and thrust upon us by coarse-fibred persons, totally insensitive to the feelings of professional women.

The Ministry of Food has had brought to its notice the difficulty in which nurses find themselves in regard to procuring meat, butter, and margarine under the rationing scheme. Nurses have often to be called away to cases out of their districts, necessitating some days' absence. The matter is one affecting a large number of persons in London alone.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Royal West of England Sanatorium, Weston-super-Mare, the devoted work of the Hon. Lady Superintendent, Miss Edith Mawe, who has acted for 24 years in this capacity, was warmly eulogised by the retiring President, Mr. Charles Harding, J.P., the President-Elect, the Marquess of Bath, Mr. G. Hancock, and others, as well as in the Annual Report.

The Marquess of Bath said they knew how splendidly successful Miss Mawe's efforts had been, and assured her that everyone was conscious of her great work, and deeply grateful to her for her devotion. Mr. Harding remarked that despite the fact Miss Mawe had not been well of late, she had not relinquished one iota of effort, but had spent her time and money and energy on the institution as lavishly as ever, and Mr. Hancock emphasised her prescience in realizing that a war must come, which might be ruinous to the Sanatorium, and in gathering from her friends, without any effort on the part of the Committee, a sum of between £5,000 and £6,000. It is a record upon which Miss Mawe will be able to look back with justifiable pride when the time comes for her to relinquish her active work for the institution for which she has done so much.

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