

NURSING ECHOES.

At the quarterly general court of the Governors of the London Hospital last week the Committee announced that some beautiful gifts had been received for the sitting-room in the new Nurses' Home, including a bust of Edith Cavell by Sir George Frampton, who also collected engravings for the decoration of the walls from his private friends, and Mr. Foster, a member of the Committee, had given some fine reproductions of old masters.

The chairman, Mr. W. T. Paulin, also mentioned that the Committee had been informed that, as their nurses each occupied a separate room, they were entitled to have their names on the register, and to vote both in borough and Parliamentary elections.

If the nurses at the London Hospital are entitled to have their names on the Parliamentary Register, then the same must hold good for other nurses occupying separate rooms. We should advise all so qualified to make sure forthwith that their names are on the Register.

The pretty badge of the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, may be purchased by any nurse who has successfully passed the final examination at the end of her third year. It is about the size of a florin, and is suspended by a gilt bar pin. The badge is enamelled white, and has a deep blue border edged with gilt, on which the name of the hospital appears in gilt letters. In the centre is a shield of alternate diagonal bars of red, gilt, and blue, effectively thrown into relief by the white background. A similar badge in gold and enamel is given as a first prize in the final examination held twice a year, and the nurse who has first place in the junior division receives a book or books to the value of 25s.

Miss Genevieve Cooke, R.N., of San Francisco, who is well known to many of our readers, writes that she has now moved from Leavenworth Street to an attractive lower flat at the north-west corner of Clay and Webster Streets, where she plans to give home nursing to convalescent patients, post-operative or others, in separate rooms, in addition to her Gymnasium work. Her sister, Mrs. Thompson, who is noted amongst her friends for the good meals she prepares, is with her, and in charge of the housekeeping. We wish them every success.

A WISE POLICY.

Sir Henry Morris will preside at a meeting of the medical profession at Steinway Hall, on October 1st, at 5.30, which will be addressed by Dr. Addison, Minister of Reconstruction. The object of the meeting is to secure the election of representative medical men to the House of Commons, so that expert advice may be available on vital questions concerning the national health.

CONFERENCE UNDER AUSPICES OF LABOUR PARTY.

At a National Conference of Women to be held under the auspices of the Labour Party in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on October 15th and 16th, a resolution will be submitted demanding that the Government at once pass a Bill enabling women to be elected to the House of Commons, that further legislation admitting women to professions from which they are now excluded shall be passed, and that the Representation of the People Act be amended so as to give votes on a short residential qualification to all men and women of 21 years of age. Another resolution calls for the establishment of a Ministry of Health.

Mrs. Gwynne Vaughan, C.B.E., D.Sc., has been appointed Commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force, in succession to the Hon. Violet Douglas-Pennant. The new Commandant was a Professor at King's College before her appointment, and is one of the few women whose pre-war work is being kept open for her by a man. Let us hope, therefore, that she brings knowledge and administrative ability to deal with the task before her, and will command the confidence of those working under her. Experienced women workers, trained before the war in good methods of organization, find the task of working under women whose social influence is their chief qualification a heart-breaking one, and it is not surprising if they decline to make bricks without straw.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women—the governing body of the National Union of Women Workers—will be held at Harrogate this year, beginning on October 8th. We shall refer again to the programme in a future issue.

WOMEN WAR WORK EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of women's war work will be opened at the Whitechapel Art Gallery next month, when every branch of women's activities in connection with the war will be shown—in hospitals, on the land, on relief funds, and on munitions.

Following a visit which the Queen paid to St. Mark's Court, St. John's Wood, the first block of flats for officers' widows and disabled officers provided by the Housing Association for Officers' Families, the King and Queen have each subscribed £100 to the funds of the association.

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