

NURSING ECHOES.

The Nurses' Missionary League holds a Quiet Day for Prayer and Meditation on Wednesday, March 10th, by kind permission of the Chaplain, at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, Savoy Street, Strand. It will be conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. Hugh B. Chapman. 10.45-12.15 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion, and Meditation by the Chaplain. Subject: "The Sacrament and the Ward." Admission of new members. 3-4.15 p.m.—Evensong, with Meditation by the Chaplain. Subject: "The Dilemma of Love and Holiness." Admission of new members. 7.30-8.30.—Prayers, with Meditation by the Chaplain. Subject: "The Washing of Feet." The Church is open for Prayer and Meditation throughout the day.

The appointment of Assistant Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is vacant, and the salary at which the post is advertised commences at £110, rising to £150, with board, residence, uniform and washing, which in these days must be calculated at not less than £120 per annum. The hospital contains 759 beds, and the nursing staff averages about 290, all ranks.

The salaries of the Assistant Matrons in the following hospitals range as follows:—St. Thomas, £100 to £150; King's College, £80 to £100, teaching fee £21; St. George's, £100 to £120; Middlesex, £85 to £150; Royal Free, £100 to £120; St. Mary's, £85; Westminster, £60 to £80.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received £220 towards the building of the new Nurses' Home from a Concert and Sale of Work organised by the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Hospital. A sum of £7,000 is now in hand.

The Nurses Resettlement Department of the Ministry of Labour has removed from Curzon Street to 99, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7.

The Annual Meeting of the Central Council for District Nursing in London, to which we referred last week, was held in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on February 26th, Sir William Collins presiding. The Report was presented by Mr. E. B. Turner, F.R.C.S., Hon. Secretary.

In reference to the paragraph in the Report stating that in view of announcements in the

press that some of the surplus funds of the British Red Cross Society were to be devoted to nursing, and that £10,000 would be entrusted to the Council for distribution, consideration being specially given to the work done on behalf of the ex-service men, the Rev. G. B. Doughty (Association of Poor Law Unions) asked whether the money was to be ear-marked for this purpose. It would be extraordinarily difficult for the Executive to carry out that aspiration with ear-marked money. The Council was for General District Nursing.

In reference to a contribution of £500 from the Insurance Committee of the County of London, he inquired also whether it was right or reasonable to accept this money, which was for the nursing of insured persons, if they could not fulfil their obligations.

Mr. Turner, replying, said that how the £10,000 was to be used would be one of the first things the Executive would have to consider. In regard to the £500, he hoped that the Approved Societies would co-operate with the Council, and that this would be the beginning of a great deal more. Nurses working under the Council would, however, nurse all cases indiscriminately, and the money would go to the general funds.

In reply to another question from Mr. Doughty, as to whether the conditions of enrolment on the Emergency Nurses' Panel would cut out the V.A.D.'s, Miss Puxley replied that they must all be three years' trained nurses, preferably with district training also.

Miss S. M. Marsters, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Queen's Nurses' Benevolent Fund, which is organised on a contributory basis, presided at Sheffield, on February 25th, at a meeting convened by Miss Hancox, Superintendent of the Sheffield District Nurses' Association. No less than ninety Queen's Nurses accepted the invitation to be present, and Miss Marsters explained the object of the Fund, and urged Queen's Nurses to join.

Mr. G. B. Wood, Chairman of the Association, while expressing the opinion that no local Queen's Nurse would ever be allowed to suffer from poverty; supported the principle of self-help, and recommended the nurses present to consider the wisdom of starting a local branch. It was decided that this should be done, and Miss Holden was appointed Hon. Secretary, and Miss Grey, Treasurer. Miss Hancox afterwards entertained those present to tea, when the project was further discussed informally.

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