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NURSING ECHOES.

For numerous kind telegrams and letters on her appointment as a member of the General Nursing Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick desires to "return thanks." It is now nearly forty years since she first dreamed that such a governing body, authorised by the State, might

be formed for the benefit of nurses and the community, and to have lived to see "the Day" indeed most is . gratifying. Now the real work of the organisation of the Nursing Profession will begin, and it is an immense privilege to be called to take part in it. We are indeed thankful that many of those who promoted legislation, who and have borne the burden and heat of the day in advancing it, have been invited to help to adminis-This ter the Act. will require wide knowledge ofnursing conditions and education at home and abroadand unlimited time and devotion to their improvement and evolution. It is going to be a colossal task.

The new President of the Irish Nurses' Associa-

tion, Miss E. Hezlett, is a highly popular lady. She was trained at the Richmond Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin, where she was promoted Ward Sister, and successively held the positions of Home Sister for two years, Assistant Matron for six years, and Matron since 1918. Miss Hezlett, as one of the younger generation of matrons, will have the pleasure of helping to organise nursing education as recommended by the Irish General Nursing Council, and to prepare pupils for their State examination to qualify for registration. Nurses trained at "the Richmond" have always attained a high standard, but there is no standing still in these progressive days, and Irish nurses will eagerly avail themselves, we feel sure, of systematised teaching methods calculated to improve their work and value to



MISS E. HEZLETT, PRESIDENT, IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION. the sick.

The Times reports, from Geneva, that the League of **Red Cross Societies** has granted ten public health nursing scholarships of £200 each and travelling expenses, to be offered to its member societies of the war-stricken countries or those who wish to improve their organisation.

These courses begin in October at King's College for Women, London University, the scholars undertaking to initiate and develop public health nursing in their home countries.

Miss Nora Fletcher, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the British Red Cross, France and Belgium, has been created a C.B.E., as we reported. Miss Fletcher hails from Sydney,

N.S.W., and amongst her awards for war service are the Royal Red Cross, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem 1st Class, the Order of Elizabeth 1st Class (Belgium), the Order of Gratitude in Gold (France), besides the 1914 Star, the British War and Victory medals. She has also been mentioned in dispatches.

The Leicester Mail is sending collecting



