

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Beatrice Cutler says farewell to "Barts" next week, after many years' devoted service there, and her colleagues sincerely deplore her departure. At the summer meeting of the League an expression of their regard for her is to take a practical form, when a presentation will be made to her on her retirement as Hon. General Secretary to the League. This snapshot shows Miss Cutler with her pet guinea-pig—a very intelligent little person.

We hope that all members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will note that the Annual Meeting this year will be held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on May 28th, at 4 p.m. It will be a memorable occasion, inasmuch as (1) the object which the Society was founded eighteen years ago to carry out has been achieved, and (2) the meeting will be asked to decide what shall be the future work of the Society.

We are surprised at no licence of the imagination where the Nation's Fund for Nurses' Appeal is concerned. Miss C. May Beeman, as a professional collector of charity funds, may be in ignorance, but in a letter signed by her conjointly with Dame Becher, R.R.C., asking for one million shillings (£50,000) the latter subscribes to the astounding statement that "after the Crimean war Florence Nightingale collected a large sum of money, and endowed the Nightingale School at St. Thomas' Hospital." Miss Nightingale never appealed for a penny for any such purpose, but when a monetary gift was offered to her she accepted on the condition that she should decide what

use should be made of it. This was agreed by those who collected the Fund, and the Nightingale School for Nurses was founded, with Miss Nightingale's nephew as Secretary, a post he and his son have held between them for some sixty years.

This appeal is made entirely in the name of necessitous nurses, with no mention whatever of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which so far has received the bulk of the money as an Endowment Fund.

The appeal has now lasted two and a half years, and no accounts or balance-sheet have been made public. Why this hole-and-corner finance? Every nurse in the kingdom whose profession has been disturbed by this appeal has a right to know what is being done with the money raised in her name.

We heard recently of an Army nurse, whose health suffered on active service, after an operation being recommended six months' rest. She appealed to the Nation's Fund for help. The help she received was *two pounds*, and the offer of a letter for three weeks' visit to one of the Edith Cavell Homes, which are not financed by the Nation's Fund. What the nurses want to know is, How much of the fund has been given to the sick nurses who have all along been the chief item of appeal, and



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how much to the College of Nursing, Ltd., general fund.

"Salve atque Vale!" writes from Ward S 2 C, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, to the *Manchester Guardian*, on Anzac Day:—"May I put in a plea for the nurses at this institution? They are paid approximately as follows:—First year, £22; second year, £26; third year, £30; fourth year, £50-£60 as staff nurses or

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