

NURSING ECHOES.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, on Friday, June 4th, at 4.30 p.m. Members are asked to note this date, and also that the meeting will not be held at 11, Chandos Street as usual. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend this meeting, when the future work of the Society will be discussed.

Miss Eleanor Barton, who recently resigned the position of Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, has withdrawn her resignation.

Miss Annie Smith, late Matron of the Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames, has been granted a superannuation allowance under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1864) of £93 6s. 8d.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Buxton are issuing invitations to an "At Home," at 12, Rutland Gate, S.W. 7., on Friday, June 4th, at 3.15 p.m., to meet the Rev. Harold Anson (Chairman of the Guild of Health), who will speak on "The Mental and Spiritual Factors in the Healing of the Sick." Discussion and questions are subsequently invited. The objects of the Guild are (1) the study of the influence of spiritual upon physical well-being, (2) the exercise of healing by spiritual means in complete loyalty to scientific principles and methods, (3) united prayer for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all efforts to heal the sick, (4) the cultivation through spiritual means of both individual and corporate health. The headquarters of the League are at 6, York Buildings, Adelphi, W.C. 2.

The receipts of the recent *matinée* in aid of the Nurses' Home Fund of the Great Northern Central Hospital (held at the Palladium, which was kindly lent by Mr. Charles Gulliver) exceeded £1,400.

A judgment recently given by Judge Atherley Jones, K.C., in the City of London Court is of interest not only to the general public, but also to nurses.

Mr. J. J. Gibaud claimed fifteen guineas against the Great Eastern Railway Company, the value of a bicycle deposited in the Enfield Town Station cloak room on September 2nd, which they had lost.

The Company had given the plaintiff a ticket on which it was stated that they would not be

responsible in respect of any article deposited, the value whereof exceeded £5, unless at the time of deposit the true value and nature of the article should have been declared, and 1d. per pound sterling of the declared value be paid for each day or part of a day, in addition to the ordinary cloak room charges.

The Judge found for the plaintiff, with costs on the higher scale because of the importance of the case, and held that the condition was unreasonable, and therefore no protection to the railway company.

Presumably the last has not been heard of this question, as last December, at Birmingham, Judge Amphlett, K.C., decided against a nurse who claimed £54 against the London & North-Western and Midland Railway Companies for a lost suit case under precisely similar conditions.

The West Sussex County Nursing Association report a successful year, although there is still a dearth of suitable candidates. The superintendent reported that there were now fifty-six affiliated districts. Fifteen had been affiliated since April, 1919. The total number of nurses employed by the W.S.C.N.A. was seventy. Of these nine were Queen's; thirty were nurse midwives with approved hospital and district training; twenty-seven were nurse midwives with approved district training; three were certified midwives; and one was a certified midwife with an additional fever training. Since April 1st, 1919, nine candidates having completed their training, were placed on districts; seven were at present in training; three nurses were transferred to other districts; and six health visitors and seven nurses resigned during the year. It will be seen that out of a staff of seventy, only nine are qualified nurses, the remainder being midwives with a little nursing experience.

At the annual meeting of the Monmouthshire Nursing Association, the same cry, scarcity of nurses, was heard.

Lady Mather-Jackson, the honorary secretary, stated that the results had not come up to her expectation. The greatest difficulty had been experienced with regard to the rural districts, as nurses who had served in the war did not seem willing to undertake district work, consequently some districts which had nurses for many years were feeling exceedingly the loss of their services.

Fully-trained nurses had been started in the districts of Crumlin, Abercarn, Cwmcarn, and Rhymney, and good reports of their

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