

NURSING ECHOES.

It is felt on all sides that some permanent memorial should be raised to perpetuate the memory of Florence Nightingale Shore, who succumbed to the brutal injuries she received whilst in a train on her way to Hastings.

The present Home of the Hammersmith District Nurses, Carnforth Lodge, at which Miss Shore lived, the Matron of which, Miss Rogers, was her close friend, has been sold, and the nurses will have to find other quarters. It is proposed that the new building should be called after Florence Nightingale Shore, and should combine with the nurses' home a children's treatment centre and a clinic for disabled soldiers, which would be a memorial to Sister Shore's work during the war. In addition, one room in the Home, containing mementoes of her life and work, would be set apart as a guest room for Queen's Nurses, so that any member of the Q.V.J.I. might feel that she could come there at any time for a night or two. Miss Shore was a Queen's Nurse, having been enrolled in 1898, and in forming this project her friends are carrying out what they know would have been Miss Shore's own wish, as she was conversant with the impending change, and had expressed her intention to help personally in carrying it through.

The money needed for the building will be raised by means of a shilling fund, thus enabling the general public to contribute to it, but any number of shillings may be given by any individual.

Contributions to the fund, marked F.N.S. Memorial Fund, should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, 22, St. Peter's Square, Hammersmith.

The Poor Law Nursing Service is anxiously watching events and hoping for reform. It is understood that Dr. Addison will introduce the new Poor Law Bill which the Government has been drafting. It will be a tougher job even than Housing. We all know how determined Boards of Guardians are, not to be demobbed, and at the Central Poor Law Conference to be held at the Guildhall on February 10th and 11th, the strong feelings of those who believe that local and personal effort should not be superseded by a centralised administration will be very bluntly expressed.

The Conference will supplement the discussion at a similar meeting over which Lord Downham presided last February. As a result of that conference a deputation, representing all the Poor Law bodies in the country, asked Dr.

Addison to appoint another Royal Commission to inquire into the present state of the administration of public assistance, but the request was refused on the ground that circumstances did not permit of a further general inquiry into the matter.

The standards of nursing to be evolved by the General Nursing Council will no doubt have a marked effect on nursing in Poor Law Infirmarys. We see a very bright future for the sick in these institutions if all the wonderful improvements possible in our Poor Law Infirmary Training Schools are carried out. The Matrons and Nurses have done wonders as it is. With better organisation they will show still further what they can do.

Special regulations have been made for the reception for a shortened term of training, at King's College Hospital, of candidates who have been trained in a Children's Hospital. Candidates must have satisfactorily completed a term of not less than three years' training in a Children's Hospital with a recognised training school, and be well recommended by their Matron. They must, before being accepted, pass the examination in elementary subjects to which the probationers of King's College Hospital are submitted at the end of their first year. This examination is held twice yearly: in March and September. On admission to the Training School, their rank and salary will be those of second year nurses. They must later on pass the final examinations, in order to gain the hospital certificate. The certificate is given on completion of the three years of training. The salary given is:—In their first year, £15; in their second year, £20; in their third year, £30.

Thus a woman trained in a Children's Hospital must in all serve for six years before she is eligible to have her name placed upon the General Register under the Act. We wonder how many girls will give all this time, when V.A.D.'s can in two years qualify as Health Visitors. Unless reciprocal training is shorter, girls will not train at Children's Hospitals at all. The full combined course should not exceed four years.

Sir Henry Burdett, editor of the *Hospital*, and *Nursing Mirror*, and also a member of the Nurses' Co-operation—from whose policy the more intelligent Nurses on the Staff differ—uses his papers for making his own deductions in the recent controversy, and is highly elated

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