

NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Mabel L. McNeel, R.N., the Secretary of "The Canadian Association of Nursing Education," writing to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, conveys the following message:—

"The Canadian Association of Nursing Education, in convention at Port Arthur, Ontario, June 5 to 7, 1920, sends heartiest congratulations for the passing of the Bill for Registration of British Nurses.

"The best wishes of the Canadian Nurses are with you in all your efforts for advancement of the profession."

Miss McNeel asks for a copy of our Nurses Registration Act for comparison, and it has been forwarded to her with an expression of gratitude for the congratulations of her Association, and expressing the hope that there may be much reciprocity of registration between the trained nurses of Canada and Britain as provided in our Acts.

The members of the Matrons' Council will hear with much pleasure that Miss Beatrice Cutler, late Assistant Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary to the Matrons' Council during Miss Hulme's absence from England.

Miss Hulme has been asked by the Council of the Y.M.C.A. National Women's Auxiliary, of which Princess Helena Victoria is President, to go to Copenhagen and take charge of a hut that will be opened shortly for the use of our British sailors when they land there, and she leaves England for Denmark on the 13th inst. Copenhagen, being the Headquarters of the Baltic Fleet, is a very busy port, and Jack Tar will doubtless hail with delight the sign of the Y.M.C.A. Triangle when he is given shore leave, for it will stand for the things that most appeal to him, viz., canteen, billiards, music and society, and above all, the atmosphere of home (as 30 beds are to be included) which Miss Hulme and her fellow workers will endeavour to infuse into the beautiful hut which is nearing completion.

We are specially pleased to hear of cheery gentlewomen with a talent for the social amenities, and fond of extending hospitality, going abroad on hut and canteen duty. It requires certain talents to make it a success, and no one who knows Miss Hulme can doubt her suitability for the delightful duties she has undertaken, we believe, for six months. In the meantime, the Matrons' Council is very fortunate to secure the help of Miss Cutler, whose address is now The Limes, Limpsfield, Surrey.

The Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council, the outcome of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses (which drafted the first Nurses' Registration Bill in 1904) meets on Friday in this week, October 8th, and to judge from the present disorganised economic conditions in the Nursing Profession—largely owing to lay interference and control—it would appear that there is plenty of scope for the Council's activities in helping to press forward the opinions of trained nurses, so far as their position in the body politic is concerned. The Agenda of Friday's meeting provides for discussion on the Hours of Employment Bill, and on the very important question of Rank for Service Nurses.

The Annual Meeting of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League will be held at the Infirmary on October 21st. The matron announces: "We shall be at home from 3 o'clock. The Harvest Festival will be at 8 p.m., and the Chairman of the Board will give away the prizes to the nurses at 9 p.m., and we shall be so glad to see as many of our former nurses as can come."

An important proposal with regard to the nursing of the sick poor in the city was recently brought before the Liverpool Select Vestry by Mr. Thomas White. He suggested that a system of nursing for the out-door poor of the parish should be set up at once. They had on their books, he said, many people described as not able-bodied, and there was great need for skilled treatment among many of these people. Fully-trained nurses would be required, and during the meetings of the Relief Committees they could attend and report on cases as to the treatment and kind of outdoor relief they should give. In the course of discussion the opinion was expressed that there should be seven nurses, one for each district, and ultimately the matter was referred to a committee for consideration. One or two members hoped there would be no overlapping with the work of the Queen's Nurses.

Colonel Sinclair White, who for upwards of 20 years was honorary surgeon at Sheffield Royal Infirmary, has left a sum which may reach between £35,000 and £40,000, to the Sheffield Royal Infirmary for the provision of a Rest Home for Nurses. Colonel Sinclair White was one of Sheffield's leading medical men. He did splendid work for the Royal Infirmary, and knew the value of the services rendered by nurses, the exacting nature of their work, and the need there was that they

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