

NURSING ECHOES.

The Luncheon to be given by representative women to distinguished men, on Tuesday, 19th inst., at Fishmongers' Hall, is in aid of the Appeal Fund for the Royal Free Hospital and School of Medicine for Women. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, is to be the guest of honour, and we hear the hostesses represent many aspects of women's education and the professions. There is something quite novel in the representation of women of Queen Mary's Court, in Lady Crewe representing women J.P.'s; Mrs. Lloyd George the Ministry; the Lady Mayoress, City women; Lieutenant-Colonel Miriam Castle the Salvation Army, and so on. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd-Still and Miss Cox-Davies, members of the General Nursing Council, together with Miss Beadsmore-Smith, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., represent the Nursing Profession, now a profession indeed by Act of Parliament.

The resignation of the Matronship and the departure of Miss Marquardt from St. Giles' Infirmary, Camberwell, is realised as a very serious loss to the Infirmary Nursing world. An upright, courageous, and sympathetic woman is difficult to replace in these days of expediency, when promotion is by no means awarded to merit. At a recent meeting, the Infirmary Committee passed the following resolution:—"This being the last meeting of the Infirmary Committee at which Miss F. E. Marquardt will attend as Matron, she leaving the Service at the end of September, the Committee desire to place on record their high appreciation of the work she has carried out at the Infirmary during the twenty-one years she has held the position of Matron, including the lectures to, and training of, hundreds of Probationers who have passed through her hands, and in thanking her for her good work at the Infirmary, the best wishes of the members be forwarded her with the hope that she will live many years to enjoy her retirement." The Committee also decided that as the Matron had not had her usual annual holiday this year, she be paid a month's salary in respect of same.

Her many friends will, we feel sure, hope after her strenuous work, Miss Marquardt will enjoy a happy time.

A very interesting lecture, dealing chiefly with mental development, and incidentally with sleep and the type of thought that is

effective in producing sleep, was given by Miss M. C. Good, M.R.B.N.A., at the offices of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 10, Orchard St., W., on Saturday afternoon last. In the unavoidable absence of Miss Cattell, the chair was taken by Miss M. Breay. A report of the lecture will be published in the Supplement of the R.B.N.A. in this journal next week, and our readers should make a point of studying it. There was a good attendance of members, who listened with intense interest to Miss Good's address, and, at its conclusion, Councillor Beatrice Kent—who said that she had rarely been privileged to listen to so interesting a lecture—Miss Wise, Miss Macdonald, and other members present, took part in the discussion.

At its conclusion, those present adjourned, on Miss Macdonald's invitation, for tea in an adjoining room, where discussion was more informally continued on many of the interesting and novel points which Miss Good had raised, while upstairs a sale of some of the small articles received for disposal for the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund proved an attraction. A very happy afternoon was spent, and Miss Macdonald is greatly to be congratulated on the organisation of these enjoyable reunions.

As was announced in our advertisement columns last week, two fully trained district nurses are required for the City of Reims, and nurses who are keen about public health, and the care of children, and can speak French fluently, will do well to consider the desirability of applying for these vacancies. Some account of the work being done in Reims has already been given in this journal. In the future two nurses will live in each groupment of the town, while Miss Du Sautoy, as Superintendent, will have quarters in a central position. Miss du Sautoy writes: "I have got *very* nice huts in each groupment, and want two nurses for each. The Comité Americain pour les Régions Dévastées are financing the scheme. The salary is 300 francs per month, and a food, &c., allowance of the same. Huts, fuel, electricity and telephone are supplied by the town of Reims. There is wonderful work waiting to be done by keen, well qualified, experienced women. You know I make my workers as comfortable as possible, though naturally nurses coming to devastated regions must be prepared for discomforts." From our knowledge of the work, and of the happiness of the workers we think those selected will be very fortunate.

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