

NURSING ECHOES.

As members of the Royal British Nurses' Association are naturally deeply interested in the proceedings of the General Nursing Council, the space usually devoted to the Supplement has this week been utilised for a full report of the meeting of the Council held on Friday, November 12th.

The questions of a 48-hour week for nurses and how best to obtain it, and the dangerous suggestion of the Scottish Council to register Cottage Nurses, are matters of serious import to the whole profession, in which every trained nurse should form an opinion and take action.

The coach in which the body of the Unknown Warrior was brought from Dover, has a unique dramatic history attached to it, says the *Evening Standard*. It is the same coach in which the remains of Nurse Cavell were conveyed to London.

The van is upholstered with a purple background, the ceiling being latticed completely with bay. The walls have Empire wreaths with crossed palms at intervals, and are joined together with swags of bay. There is a frieze round the coach of purple chrysanthemums. On each side of the coach also is a huge bay of Phoenix canariensis, and immense white chrysanthemums. The effect is extremely ornate and very dignified.

In this beautiful chapel the body remained at Victoria all night, with a military guard keeping vigil.

Miss E. B. Kingsford, who has just retired from active work at the Wright-Kingsford Home at Fallow Corner, North Finchley, where, for the last twenty-two years she has done such splendid work for homeless children, was not allowed to leave empty-handed. At a farewell function, presentations were made to her on behalf of the mothers, the "old girls," and the staff. Amongst the gifts was a chair, and a miscellaneous assortment of ornaments, brushes, china and other articles, until Miss Kingsford was heard to ejaculate: "It's just like a wedding."

Her friends, and not least the mothers, who have, in the past twenty-two years contributed £17,881 to the upkeep of the Home—more than half the total cost—and who have cause for great gratitude to her for her devoted care of their children, will wish her every happiness in her new life at Boscombe, where she will now make her home.

For her services Major, Superintendent Stimson received the Distinguished Service Medal and the British R.R.C.; and has, since her return to the United States of America, been Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps.

A remarkable confession in regard to the murder of Nurse Nightingale Shore in a Hastings railway train on January 12 last is said to have been made to the Southampton police by an inmate of the Shirley Warren Infirmary, a Southampton poor law institution. The man, who was admitted during the week, gave his name as George R. Cockle, and described himself as an actor, though he could give no permanent place of abode. He is an ex-Army man about 30 years old, but looked much older, and seemed seriously ill.

The man is said to have been well known on the music-hall stage. It is said that he has been wandering about Hampshire for some months, and that he has had medical treatment at Portsmouth and Bournemouth. As the result of inquiries made by the police relating to the "confession," Scotland Yard authorities are satisfied that there is no truth in the statement. The man, it is stated, was in a London military hospital at the time the murder took place.

Mrs. Kerr Lawson's many friends in the nursing profession will be glad to know that after the strenuous and anxious times she has passed through she is having a very restful holiday in Italy. She writes:—"Yesterday I climbed the hill, and the sun was like a little fire on my back; the olives show like steel, and Corbiguano, where we live, lay like a faded fresco on the hillside. There is a great peace here among the olives, in our old haunts amongst our peasant friends. Italy is full of unrest and dissatisfaction, and no wonder, when the pound sterling buys 92 lire . . . but there is immense good sense in the Italians, and if the country can be kept from complete bankruptcy it will work through its troubles."

New Zealand women are proposing to send a nurse to Palestine to assist in the child welfare movement there, states our Wellington Correspondent.

MACCALLUM v THE SCIENTIFIC PRESS, LTD.

This case was postponed from Tuesday, November 16th, as announced, and is to be heard in the High Courts of Justice on Thursday, November 18th—too late for a report this week.

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