

### NURSING ECHOES.

On Saturday, 20th inst., at 10, Orchard Street, W., the Public Health Nurses belonging to the R.B.N.A. had the great pleasure of meeting the Lady Hermione Blackwood and Mrs. Breckinridge, Director of Infant Welfare Work in connection with the American Committee for the devastated regions of France. Mrs. Breckinridge gave an exceedingly interesting account of her work, and everyone appeared thoroughly to enjoy the discussion which followed. The report of the meeting will appear in the Supplement of the R.B.N.A. at an early date.

The National Union of Trained Nurses is holding a three days' Café Chantant and Sale of Work on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in this week from 2 till 8 p.m., at 46, Marsham Street, S.W. It is being opened on Thursday, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m., by Mrs. Ogilvie-Gordon, D.Sc., J.P., a staunch friend of the Union.

Besides the Café Chantant, for which very good vocalists, &c., are giving their services on all three days, there will be a concert on Thursday evening, at 7 p.m., in St. John's Hall, close to the office. It is hoped that all members and friends of the Union will come and support the fête. They will find useful Christmas presents to buy, and music, competitions, &c., to entertain them.

A fortnight later, on Thursday, December 9th, at 8 p.m., there will be a concert by well-known professional artistes, in the Central (Small) Hall, Westminster. Tickets are 3s. 6d. and 5s. 9d., and are now on sale at the Hall, and at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, S.W.1, will keep its "Birthday Week" from November 29th onwards. On Monday, 29th, the Vice-Presidents will be "At Home" from 4 to 5 p.m. At 5 o'clock the Countess of Selborne will open the new Lounge, and will be supported by the Archdeacon of London. On each of the following days of that week the Club will keep open house, and professional and amateur friends have arranged first-class performances. It was originally intended to sell visitors' tickets at 2s. each, but, as there are complications connected with this, all will be guests of the Club, and can give any contribution they wish.

An important members' meeting will be held at 3.30 on Wednesday, December 1st, at which the Secretary will present the report for the year, and the Chairman will read the Club's

constitution. This contains a clause enacting that the members of the Club shall elect three of their number to serve on the Committee of Management.

The opening of the new Home of the Paddington and Marylebone District Nursing Association at 117, Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, on November 18th, was an extremely pleasant function. The guests were received by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. W. F. Richmond, and Mrs. Debenham, and numbered some 150, including the Mayor of Paddington and Miss Peterkin (General Superintendent), Miss Bridges, and Miss Lowe from the Headquarters of the Q.V.J.I., and Miss Marsters, the Superintendent, and her staff were indefatigable in looking after the welfare of the guests.

The Home, of which the Committee have purchased the fifty-six years' lease, is delightfully situated, with access to a public garden. The rooms are large and lofty, with abundance of light. In the dining-room an anthracite stove has been installed and the nursing staff, when they come down to breakfast at 7.30, find the room thoroughly warm. The big dining table is stained and polished, and table cloths are abolished. Instead, there is an asbestos mat, enclosed in a dainty white linen pocket, in each nurse's place.

The sitting room is a charming room, furnished with plenty of comfortable chairs; the covers are of a restful shade of blue, with brown cushions, and the effect is most harmonious.

In each bathroom is a sink, large enough to permit hot water cans to be filled from the tap above it, and small enough to serve admirably as a basin for hand-washing in the daytime.

It is proposed that one large room shall be so furnished that it can be let for meetings at a small charge, and so add to the income of the Association.

The Association now charges a fee of 1s. per visit to those patients who can afford to pay, and also undertakes daily visiting amongst those who cannot afford the services of a whole time nurse at a charge of 3s. an hour. Indigent cases are attended free.

On Friday, December 17th, a Dance in aid of the Association will be held by kind permission of Brigadier-General E. P. Serocold, at 24, Sussex Square, W.8. Tickets, including supper, 2s. 6d. if bought before December 10th, or 2s. afterwards.

The majority of hospitals are hurrying their rules for the admission of patients, by payment,

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