

NURSING ECHOES.

We feel sure that the very large majority of the members of the Nursing Profession will wish to express, through this professional organ, their warm appreciation of the sympathetic advocacy of Mr. Theodore Goddard, 10, Serjeant's Inn, in taking up the case of Miss Maude MacCallum *v.* Burdett, and in instructing so brilliant an advocate as Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C. As for the "Lord Chief," his smile and sweet reasonableness won all hearts.

Miss MacCallum has set her colleagues a wonderful example of courage and self-sacrifice, and has broken down the policy of terrorism exercised for so many years by the commercial nursing press. Up with your bonnets!

In accordance with the advice of her medical attendant, Miss MacCallum, who has been working under a great strain for some time, is leaving London for a complete rest. She hopes to be able to return to the office of the Professional Union early in the new year.

The inauguration of the fourth birthday week of the International Nurses' Club, at 137, Ebury Street, S.W., which started on Monday, November 29th, was marked by the opening of the new lounge by Lady Selborne, and its Dedication by the Ven. Archdeacon of London. We hope to give a detailed account of the proceedings in our next issue. A delightful programme is arranged for every day of the ensuing week, including Sunday, and an open invitation is given to all members of the profession. Nurses should certainly avail themselves of this hospitality. They will be assured of a warm welcome from Miss Mayers, a musical treat, and a very cosy tea.

The three days' Sale of Work and Café Chantant of the National Union of Trained Nurses held at 46, Marsham Street, S.W., last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, proved a very successful venture. It was opened on the first day by Mrs. Ogilvy Gordon, who spoke of her interest in the Union and in the part it had taken in the fight for the Registration of Nurses. She had done what she could to support it during her term of office as President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland. She regretted that it had not been found possible to have a united Act for the three kingdoms, as Scotland and Ireland seemed inclined to adopt low initial standards, and it was necessary, from the public point of

view, that there should be a definite standard. She also advocated that Health Visitors employed by local and other authorities should be fully trained nurses, and expressed her pleasure at the establishment of the Club of the N.U.T.N., as she knew the value and need of such a Club.

Selling was brisk, and on the last afternoon the stalls were fairly denuded of their pretty wares. The Café Chantant proved most enjoyable, and the variety concert at St. John's Hall, near by, was well patronised. Tea served in the Club Room upstairs attracted a large number of the visitors, many of whom also visited the fortune teller and learned something of crystal gazing and the tale told by tea leaves. Altogether, a substantial sum of money was raised for the Club, on which Miss Hamilton and others who organised the excellent arrangements are to be congratulated. Do not forget the grand concert to be held in the Central (Small) Hall, Westminster on December 9th, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 9d. and 3s. 6d., including tax, can be obtained at the Hall, and at 46, Marsham Street.

In a long informative article by Captain W. Elliot, M.P., on "What Medical Progress has done: The Need for Inquiry into Hospital Difficulties," we are glad to find a supporter of our demand for the endowment of Nursing Education. Captain Elliot writes: "It must be recognised that the problem is not one, but manifold. The teaching schools have everywhere a distinctly national aspect. Nurses' education, for example, the only form of secondary education not recognised by the State, has a case, long overdue, for a national grant."

The Education Committee of the General Nursing Council has set itself to one of the most important pieces of national work practically unorganised, and soon, no doubt will be face to face with the question: Who is going to pay for it? As highly skilled nursing is a national asset, a national grant must be forthcoming to provide it for the benefit of the whole community. So soon as the Nursing Council's scheme is ripe and approved, let it be generously encouraged. The State will get a splendid *quid pro quo*.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from the Goldsmiths' Company a grant of £50 towards the building of its much-needed Nurses' Home. A sum of £8,000 is in hand, and £20,000 more is required.

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