

NURSING ECHOES.

The Matron-in-Chief, T.F.N.S., wishes all members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service to know that on the anniversary of Queen Alexandra's birthday, a message of congratulation was sent and the following gracious reply was received from Her Majesty:—

TO THE TERRITORIAL NURSES.

"I am deeply touched at the message of good wishes on my birthday from the Territorial Nurses who served in the War.

"I shall never forget their untiring, unselfish work—please give them my most sincere thanks for their thought of me on my birthday. (Signed) ALEXANDRA."

We have received during the past fortnight letters from British Nurses from Newfoundland, British Columbia, Vancouver, Cape Town, Calcutta, and Melbourne, all making enquiries concerning Rules for Registration for Nurses trained in the Dominions, or working there after home training. To all we have replied. The Rules for Registration are not yet approved, but we hope that they will be at an early date. It is a very good sign of professional interest that from so many quarters overseas our colleagues appear anxious to be associated with us on our State Register. Moreover, not one correspondent discusses the question of fees!

The salaries of probationers and the hours of duty of the Nursing Staff at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, have been reviewed by the General Committee. It was decided that a 56-hour week should be put in force as soon as possible, and that the salaries should be £20 the first year, £22 the second year, and £24 the third year, with material for three dresses and fourteen aprons on entering and material for two dresses for each of the following years.

The adoption of the 56-hour week will necessitate the engagement of eight additional probationers.

The concert organised by the National Union of Trained Nurses, and held in the Small Hall of the Central Hall, Westminster, on December 9th, was very well attended, and was most enjoyable. Especially we admired the violin playing of Miss Doris Oldroyd, and the very clever character sketches, and poems at the piano, of Miss Doris Varick brought down the house. With Mrs. John Dore and Mrs. Lingard Pooley at the piano, the performers were assured of accompanists of charm and brilliant execution. Mr. Gale

Gardner sang, "by request," "She wore a Wreath of Roses," and Miss Dorothy Webster had a voice of unusual compass and quality.

Dealing with a request for financial help to appoint a nurse-teacher at Isleworth Hospital for the children suffering from tubercular complaints and other illnesses which require prolonged treatment, Dr. Addison has replied that in his opinion it was desirable that such an appointment should be made, but that there are no funds out of which a grant could be made by the Ministry of Health. Surely the Education Department has such funds. It already subsidises the London Hospital Nursing School, and we hope Nursing Education generally will, in the future, be found eligible for a grant.

The Ministry of Pensions announces that officers and nurses who have completed a course of sanatorium treatment and are certified as likely to benefit by further treatment combined with training, will, if they decide to undergo such course, be granted retired pay at the rate appropriate to 100 per cent. disablement during such curative training, and for a period of six months after its termination. Also, the retired pay will be continued at a rate not less than that for 50 per cent. disablement for two years thereafter. These special extensions are, however, conditional upon those to whom they are granted presenting themselves for examination by the local tuberculosis officer from time to time as directed, and complying with any instructions considered necessary for their treatment.

A Florence Nightingale Centennial Calendar is being prepared by the Committee of Education of the League of Nursing Education, U.S.A., the proceeds to be devoted to a fund for the new National Nursing Headquarters in New York. The Calendar is to be of very attractive appearance in colours, and will contain a short characteristic quotation from Miss Nightingale's writings for every day in the year. The Calendars, to cost one dollar each, are to be obtained from Miss Albaugh, National Nursing Headquarters, 156, Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Canadian Nurse advises Nursing Schools and Societies in Canada to push the sales as a means of establishing a much-needed centre of nursing information and assistance, which is expected to serve the nurses of the whole country—which means, we presume, both the United States and Canada, as both are "America."

We should like one of these Calendars.

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