

### NURSING ECHOES.

Congratulations to the whole Nursing Profession on May 12—it was Florence Nightingale's birthday.

It is announced that a sum of money has been granted by the United Services Fund for the benefit of ex-Service Nurses of the Q.A.R.N.N.S., Q.A.R.N.N.S.R., Q.A.I.M.N.S., Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., T.F.N.S., Joint War Committee, &c., and V.A.D. members, who have suffered disability as a result of their war service.

A Committee has accordingly been formed for the purposes of administration under the title of The Compassionate Sub-Committee of the Joint Nursing and V.A.D. Services Committee, the Chairman being Sir Napier Burnett, K.B.E., M.D.

Applications for assistance should be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary, Compassionate Sub-Committee, J.N. and V.A.D. Committee, 19, Berkeley Street, London, W.1.

The late Alderman Hilditch, of Richmond, Surrey, amongst generous benefactions, left £1,000 to the Richmond branch of the Red Cross Society for a benevolent fund for the nurses employed at the Star and Garter Hospital. We hope this will be administered entirely for the nurses' benefit without too much red tape.

Many Trade Unions and Friendly Societies are increasingly alive to the value of skilled nursing, and are considering giving a pro rata sum to district nursing societies to provide the nurses. Such a provident scheme would be invaluable in maintaining a high standard of district nursing without depending upon charitable subscriptions. Well-paid artisans and others object to being classed as the "deserving poor," and can well finance a scheme of nursing for themselves if they will co-operate. But such nursing must be directed by professional persons if the best value is to be obtained.

A very successful sale of work in aid of the fund for the establishment and endowment in Glasgow of a King Edward Memorial Home for retired nurses, similar to those in Edinburgh and London, was held in the Victoria Infirmary on Saturday, April 30th. The sale was formally declared open by the Hon. Mrs. Cameron Corbett. Mrs. David M'Cowan, who introduced Mrs. Corbett, explained the purpose for which

the fund was being raised. Nurses were too inadequately paid to enable them to make the Home self-supporting. For that reason they required £25,000 to endow the home, so that they should not have to make continual appeals to the public. A varied and attractive display of goods was offered for sale. The proceeds of the sale amounted to over £1,400, the matron and nurses having worked unceasingly to make it a success.

The Neath (South Wales) Schools Nursing Staff recently threatened to cease work unless the remuneration paid them was increased. During a discussion of the Neath Educational Committee, it was stated that the school nursing work was done in the nurses' spare time, and that they were paid £5 a year! Everyone recognises the great value to the children of school nursing. The nurses have made themselves indispensable, and we are pleased to know that the ventilation of their just grievances is being taken into consideration with promise of redress.

The council of the Scottish Branch, British Red Cross Society, has arranged to place Hazelwood House, Dumbreck, Glasgow, at the disposal of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Committee of the King Edward VII Memorial Fund for Nurses. This house will be available for occupation as a home for aged and retired nurses in November, 1922. It is admirably adapted for the purpose, being provided with extensive grounds. The house and grounds were given to the Red Cross during the war by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shanks, to be used as an auxiliary hospital.

The Hon. Secretary of the Nation's Fund for Nurses communicates to the press that Princess Christian and Norland (Children's) Nurses are eligible for membership of the Club for Nurses Trained and in Training promoted by it at Dundee.

To quote the *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing*:—

"True charity seeks to transform the unfit and useless into the fit and effective.

"I gave a beggar from my little store  
Of well-earned gold. He spent the shining ore,  
And came again, and yet again, still cold and  
hungry as before.

I gave a thought, and through that thought of  
mine

He found himself, the man, supreme, divine,  
Fed, clothed, and crowned with blessings  
 manifold,

And now he begs no more."

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