

NURSING ECHOES.

We fear, owing to the short notice of opening the new Headquarters of the General Nursing Council, many old friends of the Registration Cause will not know of the event until it has passed; if, however, this announcement meets their eye, may we notify them that the Editor and others will be at 12, York Gate, N.W. (opposite St. Marylebone Church), on Friday morning, June 10th, at 11 a.m., and will be very grateful for gifts of plants and cut flowers for decorating the house, should kind friends be good enough to supply them?

The Report for 1920 of the Ranyard Nurses, who have their office and Hostel at Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.1, shows that the number of nurses on the staff is 84—the same as the previous year. Of these twelve are working at the London County Council Minor Ailment Centres, and two are working at Messrs. Pascall's factories in Blackfriars Road and Mitcham, the firm supplying the full cost. It is, however, along the lines of district work in the homes the Committee is most anxious to extend, and extension is curtailed chiefly through lack of fresh recruits. The hope is expressed that the hospitals will in the future bring the claims of district work much more adequately before those in training. "The work is not," it is stated, "for those who enter hospital with the idea of serving rich private patients and having a good time in motors and as luxurious a life as possible, but it is for those who have a great desire to aid in building up a better England."

We are glad to note that the financial position has improved slightly during the year, for though the expenditure has increased by £1,316, the income shows an advance of over £2,060. There was still, however, a deficit of over £2,000 on the year's working, which had to be met out of the general funds of the Mission. The nurses are doing such excellent work that those desiring and able to support a good cause would find it difficult to find one more worthy of financial help. The equipment and maintenance of a nurse costs, roughly, £175 a year.

We are glad to note that the sum of money granted by the United Services Fund for the benefit of ex-Service Nurses in need is not to be used—as thousands of Red Cross money has been—in aid of training for professions, starting businesses and similar projects, but

for nurses who have suffered disability as a result of war service.

It is to be hoped that the Nurses' Club movement will not be overdone. The following announcement appears in the press:—
"The Joint Nursing and V.A.D. Services Committee of the United Services Fund is faced with great difficulty in obtaining a suitable house which they could buy and equip as a residential club for nurses and V.A.D.s who are working in, or passing through, London. Anyone willing to sell a suitable house to the committee is asked to communicate with the Secretary, at 19, Berkeley Street, W.1."

Major-General Seely, presiding at a meeting of the Isle of Wight County Nursing Association, supported the adoption of a resolution, proposed by Lady Baring, sanctioning the temporary acceptance of the scheme agreed to by the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses and the chief approved societies, for the nursing of insured persons by district nurses on payment by the approved societies concerned of 3s. 3d. for the first three visits of the nurse to a patient, 1s. 3d. per visit up to 33 visits, and thereafter 5s. a week. General Seely, replying to objectors, pointed out that the nursing societies already nursed insured persons without receiving payment in respect of them.

The Executive Committee of the Middlesbrough District Nursing Association have wisely, owing to great cost, not issued a detailed Report this year, but find space to record its indebtedness to Miss Purvis, the Lady Superintendent, and her staff, for their services. "During the year 1920," we learn, "there were several vacancies on the staff, but the Committee believe that, notwithstanding this serious drawback, nothing has been overlooked or neglected, and they tender their warmest thanks to the Lady Superintendent, Miss Purvis, and the District Nursing Staff. This year the Association began the work under happier auspices; the services of three nurses having been secured. Nurse Greener, Nurse Conway, and Nurse Hopper have, after a month's trial, proved very satisfactory, and as they report themselves happy and contented in their work, it is hoped they will long continue on the staff.

The late Colonel Ernest Villiers, A.D.C. to the King, left £3,000, free of death duty, to

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