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NURSING ECHOES.

Miss Florence Nightingale Shore, whose cruel murder in the Hastings train remains a mystery of crime, was, as we have reported, the cousin and god-daughter of Miss Nightingale. A fund of five thousand pounds is to be raised in her memory to develop the usefulness of the Hammersmith District Nursing Association, in which Miss Shore was greatly interested. With the five thousand pounds asked for it is proposed to establish a new Home in which the Queen's nurses will live, provide a Children's Centre, and a Clinic for men still needing treatment after their disablement. Contributions for the Florence Nightingale Shore Memorial should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Councillor Marshall Hayes, 22, St. Peter's Square, Hammersmith, W.6.

The Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., announces that 20, Cavendish Square is to be used exclusively as a Club, but we gather that professional women other than nurses will be eligible for membership. The number of nurses who can afford to pay an adequate subscription for the upkeep of such a Club is limited. The building for College purposes will not be erected at the rear of No. 20 until building is cheaper.

Lord and Lady Cowdray have obtained a 999 years' lease of the house, and increased their gift to the College to a total of \pounds 100,000. What indignation might have been saved if Lady Cowdray had made this gift spontaneously three years ago, instead of dragging the Nursing Profession through a slough of begging in the press, and in the streets, in the name of the Nation's Nurses. It is to be sincerely hoped now that the begging campaign will cease, and that through professional organisation the Nursing Profession will be left alone to work out its own salvation, through the influence of the Nursing Acts, as other professions claim the right to do. The blatant vulgarity of the appeal for the Nation's Fund for Nurses has aroused intense bitterness in the souls of the nurses, and they have a right to demand that it shall not continue. The ' profession has been sufficiently exploited by actresses and other society advertisers, and it does not intend to tolerate any repetition of the "Nurse Juliet" outrage. "Any such a person" will in the future be sought for in a Court of Law and will have to be produced!

Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins of New York,

says the Johns Hopkins Nurses' Magazine, has recently given an additional \$50,000 to the Department of Nursing and Health of Teacher's College, New York. The creation and development of this Department has been made possible through Mrs. Hartley Jenkins' generosity.

Beginning with a single professor, Miss M. A. Nutting, there are now 6 professors and assistants, and 20 paid instructors.

In 1909 the students numbered 18; during the past year 500 students were enrolled, representing 35 States and 15 other countries, England, France, Belgium, Russia, Hungary, Syria, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. They came from 148 schools of nursing.

In the last two years the Department has received 793 requests for principals for training schools and instructors and every branch of public health nursing.

Universities, throughout America are opening their doors to students from schools of nursing.

Hitherto nurses have been associated only with sickness and death, but now we are to share with other educators the splendid opportunity of teaching people "how to live."

Mrs. Hampson said she did not think they should house and feed nurses for twenty-four hours now that the nurses were working only eight hours a day. If they are desirous of an eight-hour day, continued Mrs. Hampson, then we have no right to spend the ratepayers' money in housing and feeding them for twenty-four hours.

A resolution was eventually carried that the sub-committee seriously reconsider the question of providing outside accommodation for nurses rather than of extending the nurses' home.

Mrs. H. D. Williams, at Swansea Guardians Finance Committee, referred to the fact that the Queen's Nursing Association having terminated their local work owing to financial arrangements falling through, the poor were going unnursed, and suggested that a temporary nurse be engaged. She subsequently remarked that if the suggestion "had come from the other side" it would have been carried out. She then moved that the Nursing Association carry on with an additional \pounds_5 o a year (making a total of \pounds_2 oo), and after discussion this proposal was accepted.

The Salford Board of Guardians recently discussed the question of spending \pounds 70,000 on extensions to the nurses' home connected with their infirmary.



