

NURSING ECHOES.

We are not going to apologise to our readers for the amount of information on State Registration which appears in this issue, but to ask them to realise the enormous amount of work such a record implies, and to ask them to read every word of it.

Two important matters stand out:

1. That at last—thanks largely to the good offices of the Secretary for Scotland, and the vote in the House of Commons refusing certificated Fever Nurses admission to the General Part of the Register—the long-debated matter of framing a Rule for the admission of nurses registered in Scotland and Ireland to the English Register was agreed to at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on Friday, October 28th, and

2. A new matter of vital importance to the nurses of the United Kingdom arose at the Council's Meeting on the 28th ult., when Miss Cox-Davies proposed a Resolution—later withdrawn upon the question being referred to the Registration Committee—that the qualification of a Certificate should *not* be recorded in the Qualification column of the Nursing Register when published—an unprecedented proposal indignantly opposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of the Registration Committee, who considered such injustice would wreck the Register.

This matter having been referred for consideration and report, we must leave it at that for the present.

Princess Christian has consented to become the President of the Homes of Giles, in Essex, where a devoted Sisterhood of Nurses has dedicated itself to the care of lepers in this country, and a brotherhood, also of the Church of England, performs the heavy work of the colony. The Homes are in great need of financial assistance, and Her Royal Highness will preside at a drawing-room meeting at 52, Portland Place, convened by Lady St. Helier, on Thursday, November 10th, at 4 p.m.

When Princess Mary visits Brighton on the 22nd inst. to open the extension to the Nurses' Home at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, an addition of 45 bedrooms for the nursing staff will be made, making a total of 88. The addition is badly needed. For some time past the nurses have been dependent first upon the hospitality of residents, and then on accommodation in three houses, not built for the purpose. The new Home is a finely proportioned building three floors high, and the

Sisters' and nurses' sitting-rooms are pleasant places with big bay windows, cosy armchairs, and soft carpets. There is also a room in which nurses can receive their friends—a much-needed addition to the Nurses' Homes of the present day. The bedrooms are 15 on each floor; the majority are already comfortably furnished, and donations to enable the committee to furnish the remainder will be very welcome.

A number of new appointments have been made by the Overseas Nursing Association since May last. These include 11 nurses appointed to private posts in Japan, South Africa, Ceylon, Mauritius, Oporto, Guatemala, and Madrid; 3 to hospitals not under Government in Penang, British North Borneo, and the Gold Coast; and 43 to Government Hospitals in Ceylon, Hongkong, the Gold Coast, Nigeria, Gibraltar, the Federated Malay States, the Seychelles, Uganda (Venereal Disease work), the Straits Settlements, Tanganyika Territory, and Bermuda. It is difficult to estimate the good work that this bald statement represents, but those who have lived in the Overseas Dominions know that the care of a good nurse in acute illness often makes the difference between life and death. For this reason, amongst others, the Association deserves the support of those who have relatives Overseas. All information can be obtained from the Secretary, Miss C. M. Adams, Imperial Institute, South Kensington, S.W.7. The Hon. Secretary of the Scottish Branch is Mrs. Douglas Dawson, 23, Regent Terrace, Edinburgh.

The weekly board of the Royal Free Hospital has received a freewill offering from the Nursing Staff of the Hospital amounting to £52 as a thank-offering for the restoration to health of the Matron, Miss Cox-Davies.

A charming picture appears of a group of Westminster nurses and of Nurse Williams' Basket Appeal in the *Daily Graphic*. Nurse Williams did good business for the hospital on Pound Day by letting a basket down from the balcony, in which passers-by were invited to place gifts in kind.

"Bart's" has had a great success with its Fleet Street Week. Some thousands have been collected. We hope the student dressed as a nurse who took a street organ around was not too realistic. The mendicant nurse now so familiar in the streets is not to our taste.

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