

### NURSING ECHOES.

When Princess Mary visits Brighton on the 22nd inst. to open the new home for nurses at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, she will present to the nurses who joined the Territorial Army Nursing Service the official badges to which they are entitled.

Miss Suart, R.R.C., Principal Matron in Ireland, and Staff, invited the Members of the Irish Matrons' Association, and other friends in the nursing world, to meet Miss Beadsmore-Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and Dame Maud McCarthy, D.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief Territorial Army Nursing Service, on Monday, November 7th. A most luxurious tea was provided, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Several old "war" friends met and talked reminiscences over the teacups. The guests all came away delighted to have had the opportunity of meeting the two Matrons-in-Chief from England, who had come over for the unveiling of the Memorial to Irish Nurses who had fallen in the Great War.

The Nurses' Missionary League is holding a Sale of Work on Friday and Saturday this week, at 135, Ebury Street, S.W., from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Gifts of all kind will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Miss Richardson, at the above address. Owing to increase of work in the Provinces, and to the heavy cost of printing and postage, the League is in considerable need of funds, and is looking to all friends to help to make the Sale a great success, as we all know how difficult it is to raise money at this time. This notice reaches us somewhat late in the day to be of much use so far as gifts are concerned, but not too late for those interested in the fine work of the League to attend the Sale and spend according to their means.

Miss Ada Thompson, of the West African Nursing Service, has completed a post-graduate Nursing course at the Great Northern Hospital. During the past five years Miss Thompson, who is now on leave from Nigeria, has carried out two tours on the Gold Coast and one in Nigeria.

The *Poor Law Officers' Journal* has several little paragraphs which show that various Boards of Guardians are fully awake to their duty in their relation to the General Nursing Council and Nursing Education. Local Unions met in Leeds on Tuesday, and amongst the

questions for discussion at the meeting was the consideration of the desirability of appointing Sister-Tutors to train probationers, either separately or for a combination of Unions. A Conference is to be held in London on November 23rd, and in referring to this meeting the Clerk of the York Guardians recently stated that the General Nursing Council would in future set the standard of examinations for nurses. It was very desirable that the Union should take the matter into consideration, having regard to the fact that they were at present training twenty probationers. If they wanted to carry on the present system of training probationers, it was desirable that they should arrange for the training according to the curriculum laid down by the Nursing Council. The meeting decided to send Councillor Wright (Chairman of the House Committee) and the Clerk, to the Conference in London.

Reporting to the Paddington Guardians, the Infirmary Committee stated, at a recent meeting, that they had had under consideration the following matters relating to the training and examination of the probationer nurses at the Infirmary:—

(1) The advisability of appointing a lady examiner to examine the nurses in practical nursing.

(2) The provision of prizes.

(3) The provision of a badge on completion of training.

The Committee stated that they were of opinion that it was very necessary to ascertain, at intervals, the practical nursing knowledge of the probationer nurses, in anticipation of the State examinations. This was a new departure recommended by the Medical Superintendent and Matron to keep a check on the practical work taught in the wards and by the Sister-Tutor. The Committee were also of opinion that prizes should be given as an encouragement for good work, and that a badge, "Paddington Infirmary Training School," should be given to each nurse on completion of training. They therefore submitted the following recommendations:—

(a) That a lady examiner be appointed to conduct the examination of the first, second and third year probationer nurses at a minimum fee of £5 5s. for each examination, an additional fee of 5s. 6d. per nurse to be paid in respect of candidates exceeding sixteen in number.

(b) That two examinations be held each year.

(c) That prizes be given as follows:—(1) On result of Medical Superintendent's and practical examinations; (2) on result of second

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