

NURSING ECHOES.

We are asked by the Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1, to remind its members that Parchment Certificates must be forwarded to their respective Principal Matrons, for completion and return before the end of the year.

It is with sincere pleasure that we record the announcement that the Hospital at Holloway Prison is to be staffed entirely by certificated nurses. This is a most necessary reform which this Journal has for many years advocated, and in which Councillor Beatrice Kent has taken a deep personal interest. Reasonable time is to be allowed for the absorption of the existing officers where not certificated. It is hoped that in this way all difficulties may be overcome, and that the Matron, with the assistance of a trained and certificated staff, may be in a position to secure the good nursing of the patients confided to her care.

The Voluntary Advisory Nursing Board of the Prison Commission, as will be seen from our advertisement columns, are advertising for a female nurse with a certificate of three years' training who has practical experience in administration and organisation, for the Hospital Staff at Holloway Prison. Preference will be given to one who is a Certified Midwife, or who holds the Medico-Psychological Certificate. The pay, together with the temporary bonus of 47s. 11d., which is liable to reduction, commences at £4 6s. 11d. per week, with furnished quarters, bedroom and sitting-room, fuel, light, and water free, also uniform, washing, and medical attendance. The nurse appointed will have to provide her own food, but there are messing arrangements at the Prison. The appointment carries pensionable rights. Age limit, 28 to 36.

Other nurses are also wanted for the same Service, with similar qualifications, at a commencing rate of 59s. 10d. per week. Age limit, 24 to 35.

In every instance selected candidates will have to undergo a short period of training in the disciplinary duties of a prison officer.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Voluntary Advisory Nursing Board, Prison Commission, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

Here is a chance to do real national service of a very valuable nature. We hope that those who pray sincerely for "all prisoners and cap-

tives" may realise what a wide field, not only for skill, but for mercy, is included in the care of such patients.

Miss Henrietta Walker, who has just died at King Edward's Memorial Home for Nurses, Clapham Common, is one of the original band of nurses who were with Miss Florence Nightingale in the Crimean Hospitals.

The doctor who attended Miss Walker, and who acquainted the King of the fact, received the following reply:—

"The King and Queen have learnt with much regret of the death of Miss Henrietta Walker.

"Their Majesties believe that Miss Walker must be the last of the twelve original 'Florence Nightingale' nurses, whose work will ever be gratefully remembered."

The Show of the Nurses' Needlework Guild of the Nurses' Co-operation is being held at the Howard de Walden Club, 35, Langham Street, Portland Place, W., on Friday, December 2nd. The Guild does good work in sending parcels of warm clothing to the Matrons of London Hospitals for convalescent patients, and this year there is specially urgent need of them.

Dame Maud McCarthy, Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service, was suitably welcomed and entertained during a recent visit to Aberdeen. One day she and the ladies of the Territorial Army Nursing Service local committee were entertained at luncheon at the Palace Hotel.

Lord Provost Meff presided, and in welcoming the Matron-in-Chief paid a high tribute to her and to the entire Nursing Service during the war.

The vanity of humanity is colossal, and when we realise that the British Red Cross Society has during and since the war awarded thousands and thousands of medals and badges of thirty-five different patterns, one of the reasons for the hordes of V.A.D.s becomes apparent. One cannot learn that these decorated damsels are expending their energies upon prosaic suffering civilians, as their gush for the sick and wounded during the war might have led one to hope.

One Matron tells us that she had hundreds of V.A.D.s in the hospital during the war, and only about half a dozen were seriously interested in nursing!

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