

NURSING ECHOES.

At the first meeting of the newly elected London County Council, held on Tuesday, Dr. Florence Barrie Lambert, who, as a Municipal Reform candidate, unsuccessfully contested the Bow and Bromley division of Poplar in the recent elections, was chosen as the Council's first woman alderman, a position she will hold for six years. She was recommended for election as alderman by the Municipal Reform Party.

Dr. Lambert's professional career began at the London Hospital Training School for Nurses in Bow Road, E., in 1896. From 1900 to 1901 she served as an Army Sister in the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital, Deelfontein, South Africa, in the South African War. After six years given to the study of medicine she spent a year studying physical training and remedial gymnastics in Sweden, and then began her private practice.

She has held many medical posts in London and elsewhere. In 1915 she was appointed Inspector of Military Massage and Electrical Services, and was affiliated to Headquarters R.A.M.C., with rank and pay equalling that of a major.

In 1919 Dr. Lambert was asked by Sir George Newman to join the staff of the newly formed Ministry of Health, and was appointed Medical Officer on the Maternity and Child Welfare Section. She resigned last June.

Miss Thyra Pound—the probationer who was missing from the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, since January 16th, and whose body was recovered from the Thames near Bermondsey, settles definitely the fate of this unfortunate young nurse. What remains to be investigated is how she met with it. What happened to her between the time she left the hospital and her death? The belief of her mother, who resides at Shrivenham, in Berkshire, is that she was kidnapped.

However that may be, it is well known that in the district near Great Ormond Street are many houses of bad repute, and it would not be difficult for persons engaged in this trade, working from them, to stalk down a good-looking girl.

But for a £1,000 donation from a lady who desired to remain anonymous, the Nottingham District Nursing Association would have finished up last year with a heavy deficit, this fact being disclosed at the annual meeting, which was held at the Nottingham Exchange,

under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Bertram A. Smith, D.S.O.

The donation, which was given through the chairman, came at a time when the funds were very low, and the reserve fund had been twice drawn on during the year to meet the heavy expenses, the outlook for the winter being very serious. The yearly income, however, was still far short of what was required to carry on the work adequately.

The financial statement showed that the receipts totalled £2,076 6s. 6d. Happily, through the £1,000 donation, a deficit of £459 had been turned into a balance in hand.

Proposing the adoption of the report, the chairman said he was greatly impressed by the economical manner in which the charity was managed, the expenditure of £2,500 being extremely moderate. All would join him in conveying, through the press, their grateful thanks to the donor of the magnanimous gift of £1,000.

Mr. S. L. Page, chairman of the Nottingham Board of Guardians, voiced the appreciation of that body, and Mr. J. D. Player took the opportunity of thanking the Superintendent and her assistant, together with the nurses, for their valuable services.

Grievances among nurses at Portsmouth Infirmary having been brought to light, the guardians are endeavouring to improve the social conditions of the staff at the institution.

Recently a nurse was dismissed for smoking after she had been warned not to do so, but some of the guardians afterwards repented, and she was reinstated.

Then the Ministry of Health's inspector appeared on the scene, and suggested the provision of a smoking-room. To this the guardians have agreed.

One of the nurses stated at an interview that the staff had not made an application for the smoking-room, and had no grievance on the score that smoking had not been allowed.

Only a few members of the staff, she declared, indulged in smoking, and she was surprised at the proposal having been made.

At the conclusion of the recent General Meeting of the Aberdeen District Nursing Association, the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, presented Miss MacMaster, the Superintendent, with a gold wristlet watch, and Miss K. Macdonald, senior nurse, with a handbag containing Treasury notes. In making the presentation, he said that at the last meeting of the Executive he had had the

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