

NURSING ECHOES.

It is good news that H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Greece is slowly recovering from the attack of typhoid fever, with serious complications, from which she has suffered for so many weeks. Sister Bellamy, as well as Sister Dumvill, R.N.S., is now attached to the case.

During the recent visit of the King and Queen of Roumania to Athens to be with their daughter, the latter was most gracious to the nurses in attendance, and thanked them warmly for their skilled care. To Mrs. Endall (Miss Jessie F. Parsons), who has been in charge of the sick room, Her Majesty presented a Decoration; and to Sister Dumvill a very beautiful diamond and ruby ring. The Crown Princess, by her splendid courage and perseverance, has helped the successful result of the medical and nursing treatment, and British nurses will rejoice that three of their number have been selected to help to restore to health this much-beloved great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Read this week's Editorial. In it we have replied to a large number of letters asking our advice on the question: "Shall I register?" In it we sympathise with the self-respecting nurses who have helped to win registration, but who hesitate to place their professional reputations at the mercy of the present members of the General Nursing Council. Our advice is: Register, and stand firm for self-government. It will come in time.

We are glad to note a well-attended Meeting arranged by Sister Tait (Mrs. Watson), held at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, at which Mr. Richmond, deputy-clerk to the Sheffield Guardians, explained the provisions of the Nurses' Registration Act to nurses. Miss Earle, the Matron, presided. Mr. Richmond urged every nurse to register, and explained the qualifications necessary to do so. Our readers are quite *au fait* with the provisions of the Act, as it incorporates many of the provisions of that supported and paid for by them for many years.

Commencing in 1924, Mr. Richmond said it is proposed to hold a standard examination, which it is claimed will remove the objectionable distinction between nurse and nurse existing to-day, and will do much to bring training schools up to a given standard.

Predicting that sooner or later all hospitals will be supported by public funds, if not entirely State controlled, he suggested that under

such circumstances the Ministry of Health would insist that all nurses employed in the hospitals should be registered.

The next five years would witness the laying down of vital principles affecting the nursing profession, and it was important, therefore, that nurses should take their share in the election of members to the General Nursing Council, provided for in the Act. To qualify for voting in the election of the Council, nurses must register before October.

Miss Alina Cavalierei, of Rome, engaged as a temporary nurse at Southwark Hospital for four months, has devoted her remuneration whilst at the hospital to providing an electrical hair-drier and hot and cold water spray with a marble slab in the nurses' home.

The more Memoirs which appear about Miss Florence Nightingale the more the old ineffective philanthropist fades from the picture, and the more distinctly the magnificent militant figure stands out. Read Stephen McKenna's keen and interesting "While I Remember" and Shane Leslie's "Life and Labours of Cardinal Manning," where an entire chapter is devoted to "Florence Nightingale and Others."

This woman of genius was never a shadowy saint, but one of the most relentless protagonist of her time, using her tongue and pen in ceaseless warfare in her struggle against the hydra-headed evil of ignorance. As truth comes to light we begin to realise her suffering. Inspired by the white flame of vision, what agony she must have suffered in attempting to make the blind see, the dumb articulate, the fish feel!

And in revenge, obscured by "the two black spots," she remained "a dear, sweet saint" for seventy years!!

There is trouble, says the *Daily Mail*, in the workhouse infirmary of Clitheroe, Lancashire, over a dog. The animal, said to be a cross between a whippet and an Irish terrier, belongs to the head nurse, Miss Wilson, and has been living at the infirmary for the past six months. The house committee decided that it must be sent away. Miss Wilson appealed to the full Board of Guardians, and appeared before the Board on Saturday to explain why her pet should remain.

The infirmary, she said, was overrun with rats. Rat poison had been tried, but without success. A cat had been introduced, with no better result.

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