

NURSING ECHOES.

We know tired nurses like snippets in Nursing Journals, but we urge them to read carefully Mr. Donald C. Norris's admirable article, "Reflections on the State Registration of Nurses," which we publish this week. Mr. D. C. Norris, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., is Senior Resident Officer of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, where he conducts Courses of Lectures to the nurses. He writes:—"I have endeavoured to look beyond the immediate requirements of the forthcoming Autumn Session, and to gain, with the aid of your Journal, some idea of the general trend of events in the Nursing World, especially with reference to the introduction of State Registration. Some of the reflections so engendered were incorporated in a private letter, which I showed a Sister here, who is associated with me in the teaching of nurses. She was of the opinion that the enclosed article, which I have compiled from this letter, might be suitable for publication in your paper."

We feel sure the "Reflections" will appeal to the readers of this Journal, and we thank Mr. Norris for interesting his pupils in the question of State Registration, so all-important to them at the present time. Other teachers in our training schools might follow his example, with advantage to their nurses. The *two years'* term of grace is slipping away.

Miss Rose Muir, Superintendent of the Canterbury Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand, and a member of the Matrons' Council, was last year granted a year's leave by the Board, which vacation she has spent on the Continent and "at home."

Miss Annie Hulme, who is a pastmistress of social amenities, invited a few members of the Council to meet Miss Muir on Saturday last at her charming flat at tea, when two hours were well spent in hearing of the present nursing conditions in New Zealand, and in returning the compliment by giving her a bird's-eye view of nursing affairs in England, in which she is very deeply interested. It is good news to learn that the nursing world in New Zealand is recovering tone since the disruption during the Great War, and that the supply of thoroughly well-educated girls, the majority of whom have matriculated, are coming forward to supply the needs of the Training Schools. Would that we could say the same at home, but, alas! our system of education is terribly deficient in culture, and even many of our leading schools fail to attract

High School standards, and all this haggling over a moderate Syllabus of training and examination put forward by the General Nursing Council is sad evidence of our usual methods of muddle.

Miss Muir hopes to call at Registration Headquarters, 12, York Gate, for copies of the various Syllabuses, and on Saturday, September 23rd, she has accepted an invitation to tea at the R.B.N.A. Club to meet a few colleagues on the Matrons' Council who were unable to be present last Saturday.

We are informed, states *The Red Cross*, that the candidate representing Great Britain in the forthcoming International Public Health Course arranged by the League of Red Cross Societies is to be Miss Ida Murray Simmons.

The British Scholarship this year is being given by the V.A.D. Scholarship Committee, and the successful candidate will be sent for one year to Bedford College (University of London), where she will join the other International students, all graduate nurses, representing a large number of countries.

The V.A.D. Scholarship Committee have selected Miss Simmons from a very large number of trained nurses, whose names were sent forward for consideration, all of whom served originally during the war as V.A.D. members. These members had later been awarded V.A.D. Scholarships in order to assist them during their period of training in hospital, and the Matron of the Training School in each case submitted the names of the candidates from her hospital for the International Course.

Miss Ida Simmons was educated at Eastbourne; she joined E. Lancs./264, and served at the 2nd London General Hospital, Chelsea, from October, 1916, later going to France, returning in April, 1919. She was awarded two Red Stripes in connection with this service.

Miss Simmons then entered general training as a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has recently completed her training.

So few V.A.D.s settled down to real hard work and completed a thorough training after the excitement of the war that Miss Ida Simmons is greatly to be congratulated that she has earned this most valuable Scholarship for a course of post-graduate education in Public Health work.

The active work of demolition of the buildings which at present occupy the site on which is to be erected the new Nurses' Home, ad-

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