

NURSING ECHOES.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council are reminded that an important Meeting will be held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday, September 30th, at 5 p.m., when it is hoped the attendance will be representative. All Registered Nurses—male and female, general, mental, sick children's, and fever—are eligible for membership, whether registered in England, Scotland, Ireland, or the Dominions over Seas. The annual subscription is 1s., and Application Forms are procurable at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

The Governors of the Prince of Wales's General Hospital have presented a handsome silver vase, to be known as "The Holmes Vase," to be competed for annually by teams from the Nursing Staffs of the London General Hospitals, at the Swimming Gala held at the Tottenham Baths.

This competition is intended to perpetuate the memory of Nurse Holmes, a member of the Nursing Staff of the above Hospital, who died on the 13th January, 1922, aged 23, and at whose instigation the idea of an inter-hospital competition was originally promulgated.

We are informed that an Inter-Hospital Relay Team Race has been arranged to compete for the "Holmes Vase" at the Swimming Festival to be held, under the auspices of the Park Swimming Club, at the Tottenham Baths, opposite the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, on Saturday, September 30th (this week), at 7.30 p.m. The Nurses' event will be timed to suit the Hospitals entering, probably 8 p.m. This should be a most exciting competition. We hear nurses from several hospitals will take part in it.

Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., Matron of the Hospital, who shows such warm sympathy with everything of interest to the nurses, has been most energetic in making arrangements for the nurses' competition, and we hope that many teams from the hospitals will enter it.

Two nurses at the Romford Poor Law Infirmary have been commended for bravery in connection with a fire which occurred recently in the isolation hospital attached to the institution.

Nurse Elwood, a probationer in charge of the children's ward, who was temporarily blinded by the explosion of a spirit lamp to

which she was attending, endeavoured to reach the telephone, but was unable to do so on account of the pain in her eyes. She thereupon caught up two children, wrapped them in blankets, and rushed out of the building.

Nurse Stephenson, hearing her call, rushed to the ward, and sent Nurse Elwood to the Matron to notify what had happened while she herself endeavoured to prevent the fire from spreading, and being unable to work the fire extinguisher, threw a pail of milk on the flames.

The committee recommended that Nurse Elwood be highly commended for her great courage and presence of mind in making the safety of the children her first thought, and that Nurse Stephenson be commended for trying to combat the fire alone.

Romford Guardians have endorsed the committee's findings.

Sir Alexander and Lady Bicket, with their daughter, visited Bootle Borough Hospital recently, for the purpose of seeing the Massage and Electrical Department in operation.

Through the generosity of Lady Bicket, who defrayed all the expenses of the installation and equipment, the department is conferring inestimable benefits on patients suffering from orthopaedic and nervous diseases, and the visitors were greatly impressed with the evident utility of the department. Miss Chuck—the Sister in charge—explained the system, and value of the treatments afforded by the various apparatus. The wider knowledge of the benefits derived is resulting in an increasing number of patients at every session.

The visit had a pleasing sequence in Lady Bicket spontaneously promising an additional contribution of £200 to cover the cost that was incurred in decorating and furnishing the necessary waiting and dressing room, and also structural alterations for the accommodation of the electrical and other instruments, thus making a total benefaction of £750.

We wish success to the garden sale of work which is to be held at the Home of the Cathedral Nursing Society, 48, Osborne Road, Newcastle, on October 5th. The Lady Mayoress will perform the opening ceremony.

Miss Abraham, the Superintendent, has a staff of seven trained nurses, ever ready to respond to the call of the suffering poor, and last year 27,348 visits were paid to sick people in the most poverty-stricken parts of the city. Following their discharge from hospital, patients receive after-care at the hands of these

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