

NURSING ECHOES.

Friends will be pleased to know that Sisters Bellamy and Dumvill, of the R.N.S., who are nursing at the 1st Military Hospital, Athens, are continuing to care for the influx of wounded from Asia Minor. Naturally they regret the departure of Queen Sophie, who has treated them during their work in Greece with the utmost kindness and hospitality.

Both Sisters helped to nurse the new Queen Elizabeth through her very serious illness.

The Marquis Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has kindly communicated with His Majesty's Minister at Athens, so that the Sisters are under his protection.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., at 3 p.m., Miss Maud Hallam is to address Nurses at the Royal British Nurses' Club, 194, Queen's Gate, on "The Power of the Mind over the Body." Miss Hallam is known to a number of Nurses who have helped to swell the large audiences who have gathered in several London halls to listen to this famous American psychologist, whose teaching they find so helpful. Those who came to the Club last Saturday had an unexpected pleasure when Miss Hallam arrived for Major Rigg's lecture on the "Old City Guilds," and then spent the evening at Queen's Gate. In the drawing-room, later, the nurses agreed that they had never had a more charming guest than this gifted lady from across "the herring pond."

The Ecclesall (Sheffield) Guardians have experienced a good deal of trouble lately on account of their probationer nurses leaving after only a few weeks' service. Mr. James Blossom, a member of the Board, says the main causes are the strictness of discipline and hardness of the work. Instead of the high school and secondary school type of girl who used to present herself for the work before the war, they only got the domestic servant type to-day, and they came to the institution with a totally wrong conception of nurses' work. They imagined that a nurse's duties simply consisted of wearing a "taking" garb, walking about the wards, and perhaps making tea.

No doubt there is some truth in Mr. Blossom's statement. There is only one cure. The theoretical and practical training in Nursing Schools must be worthy of educated girls, or the Guardians must be content with women of lower attainments. Let Boards of well-equipped infirmaries urge on the Minister of Health the necessity of enforcing an efficient curriculum, so as to encourage high-minded

girls to adopt nursing as worthy of a life's work. The reciprocity cannot be "all on one side"!

The Bethnal Green Guardians recently adopted the following report from the Hospital Committee:—"Nurses' Registration Act, 1919: Appointment of Sister-Tutor.—The Board, at its meeting on the 4th October, 1921, sanctioned the appointment of a Sister-Tutor in order that the training of Nurses, as prescribed by the General Nursing Council, might be effectively carried out, such officer to be of the same status and receive the same rate of remuneration as the present Second Assistant Matron, viz., £60 per annum, plus bonus according to scale, with board, lodgings, washing, and uniform. We reported to the Board at its meeting on the 29th November, 1921, that advertisements had failed to produce a candidate qualified for the appointment at the salary offered, and that, in the circumstances, we had made arrangements for the Matron of the Hospital to give the necessary lectures to the Probationer Nurses until such time as a suitable candidate was available. We are of opinion that it is very essential that the services of a properly qualified Sister-Tutor should be obtained at an early date, and now recommend that the Board approve of the appointment of a Sister-Tutor at an inclusive salary of £130 per annum (no bonus), together with the usual residential allowances. From extensive inquiries we have made we are satisfied that the services of a competent person cannot be obtained at any lower remuneration."

We advise keen nurses to train as Sister-Tutors; the demand already outstrips the supply.

The following letter has been addressed to the Rathdown Board of Guardians concerning a recent advertisement issued by them:—

The Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union,
29, South Anne Street, Dublin,
October 2nd, 1922.

A CHARA.—In reference to the advertisement in the *Wicklow People* of the 23rd ult. for a superintendent nurse for the Loughlinstown Hospital, we would be glad if we could be informed why the condition of membership of a Roman Catholic Religious Order of ladies is attached to the position. This condition closes the post to many fully-trained Irish nurses who would be otherwise suitable, and who are seeking in vain for positions in their own country where they can render public service for an adequate reward.

Your Board is, perhaps, not aware that few

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