

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Matrons' Council Meeting on Saturday, October 21st, promises to be a delightful gathering. We all know what a very kind hostess will welcome the members in Miss Reynolds Hale, the very popular Matron of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has consented to become President of the Shore-ditch Infant Welfare Centre.

Sister Colley has been appointed to take charge of Princess Mary's Infants' Ward at the Leeds General Infirmary.

White, pink, and pale green are the predominant tones in the new ward, the little white enamelled cots bearing tiny pink eider-downs in washable satin. Pink flowers everywhere, and a restful green floor, make up a charming picture, with plentiful light pouring in through big windows facing due south.

Westminster Guardians propose to provide cubicles for seventy nurses at the Fulham Road Infirmary, costing £25,000, roughly £357 each.

A special effort is to be made in the early part of next year by the nursing staff of Leeds General Infirmary with the object of raising funds for the Nurses' Home.

At least fifty or sixty bedrooms are badly needed, and the suggestion is that by abolishing three old cottages situated in the Infirmary grounds, and known as "Sunnybank Terrace," an eastern wing could be added to the Home to correspond with the existing wing on the western side of the building.

The accommodation of the cottages is already fully taxed and, moreover, a number of nurses are required to sleep in a private residence acquired by the Infirmary two years ago.

The effort will take the form of a bazaar, and it is hoped that the nursing staff of this great institution will receive the generous support of the citizens of Leeds and district.

Materials or articles of any kind, or donations in money, will be received with thanks at the Infirmary.

The effort is entirely on behalf of the nursing staff of the Infirmary, which has been greatly increased during the past few years, and it is hoped that public support will enable them to make the necessary extensions to their Home.

The Nursing Staff and their friends at the General Hospital, Nottingham, are also busy preparing for a bazaar for the purpose of raising funds for furnishing the Nurses' new Home. Any communication on the subject should be sent to Captain A. S. Bright, 1, Pepper Street, Nottingham.

We are glad to hear that the Sale organised by the nurses in support of the Extension Furnishing Fund of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, resulted in the handsome profit of £420. All concerned are to be heartily congratulated. Nothing like self-help.

There is a new epidemic of small-pox—upwards of forty cases—in Derbyshire. We hope district nurses will use all their influence to instruct ignorant parents in the value and protection of vaccination.

As at present managed, we have never been greatly impressed by County Nursing Associations, because they have been content with insufficient training for their staffs, muddling up midwifery with skilled nursing, and poor pay! And now that we are being heavily taxed, so that the Ministry of Health can give away large sums of State funds in support of such organisations, it is most necessary that the poor have a good return for our money. Mrs. Russell Coleman, the President of the Norfolk and Norwich Nursing Federation, speaking at a meeting recently, said they wanted the hospitals to realise the importance of the work of such Associations. Many cases were sent out of hospital before they were ready to leave, because beds were required for more acute cases, and, in the interest of economy, the authorities which were dealing with Public Health matters should work together and co-ordinate the work. This is very necessary, and no doubt in time hospitals will rank as an indispensable department of a Public Health service and be recognised as such, and will be able to hand over patients to thoroughly efficient district nurses of Queen's Nurses standard. The semi-trained, cheap practitioner must go, and the efficient, sufficiently paid nurse take her place, if public money is to be used in her support. Charity is one thing—State support another. At present the control of expenditure is in the hands of irresponsible persons, an indefensible arrangement for any State Department to recognise.

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