

NURSING ECHOES.

The resignation by Miss A. Carson Rae of the position of Secretary-Matron of the Irish Nurses' Co-operative Hostel, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, which she had held for so many years, will be received with great regret in Dublin. Miss Carson Rae has not only a charming personality, but is a first-class organiser. She is also a very public-spirited member of the nursing profession, and has given much valuable and voluntary service to securing State Registration. It is a very great pleasure to her friends in London to know that she intends to live in the Metropolis, and she may be assured of a most hearty welcome. We note on page 92 the appointment of her successor.

The Report of the Nightingale Fund for the year ending December 25th, 1921, shows that the probationer-nurses in the Nightingale Fund School on that date were 69, of whom 13 were paying probationers and 15 Free Specials. Seventy-three were admitted from the Preliminary Training School up to December 25th, of whom 20 were paying probationers and 4 Free Specials. Twenty-six resigned or were discharged as unsuitable, and one (Probationer Elizabeth McConnell) died. Sixty-eight completed their term of service and were awarded certificates.

From the opening of the School in June, 1860, to December 25th, 1921, a total of 3,163 candidates have been admitted, and 1,937 have, after completing a year's training, been entered on the Register of Nightingale Nurses and taken on the Hospital Staff.

The Committee tender their thanks to the Matron, Sisters, and Lecturers for their work in training the probationers.

The Matron (Miss Lloyd Still) reports that the work of the Preliminary Training School has been carried on as hitherto by Miss Coode. Sister Tutor reports that fifty-six nurses have been prepared this year in the theory and practice of nursing. The general level has been good, though individual endeavour and capacity obtain prominence owing to a greater scope given to original work and to observed details of ward experience. The outlook is fresher, enthusiasm is growing, but personal effort requires fostering.

Three Nightingale Scholarships for a year's course in Household and Social Science, at King's College for Women, University of London, were awarded to Miss Ella M.

Thompson, Miss Mary E. Wynne, Miss Lucy G. Duff Grant.

Six Nightingale Nurses were appointed Sisters in Charge of Wards, six were appointed Charge Nurses, five Sisters resigned their posts, seven Charge Nurses resigned.

The post-graduate courses have been much appreciated, twenty-three nurses having obtained their C.M.B. certificates, and ten have taken a course in the Venereal Department.

Writing in *Truth*, under the heading of "Nurses and Charity," Miss Maude McCallum says:—

"Sir,—A paragraph in your issue of June 28th begins:—

"I know I should not dare to breathe the fact that Lady Cowdray's *Club for Nurses* is far too fine. . . ."

"May I enter a protest in your paper against the practice of using nurses for advertisement purposes? The Cowdray Club is *not* a club for nurses; it is a club for professional women, and I observe that your correspondent hopes to join it.

"Whenever money or anything else is wanted, if it is possible to bring forward nurses as a reason for obtaining the desired object, it is always done. In the neighbourhood of Waterloo a little while ago a large notice on a hospital proclaimed to all and sundry that the children *and nurses* ask for help, or something to that effect. Were nurses consulted before being placarded thus?

"The Nation's Fund for Nurses is another example. Large sums of money, asked ostensibly for the war-worn nurse, were turned into the coffers of the College of Nursing, Ltd., a society governed by hospital authorities.

"We are tired of being brought forward as paupers and beggars. Nurses don't always receive the benefits collected for them, though I am bound to say that, even if they did, many would still resent the manner in which they are attained. We do not intend our profession to be supported on charity."

A Nurse writes: "My dressmaker is being urged to join the Cowdray Club." Why not? As Miss McCallum emphasises: "It is a Club for professional women."

Unfortunately for us, it is *our* profession which is always thrust in the forefront as an unblushing mendicant. We never hear of a Nation's Fund for "shoppies" or clerical workers—or dressmakers—or other professional workers. Why not? Moreover, when a slice from the Cowdray millions was utilised to start a Club for Airmen in Piccadilly the announcement was not followed by nauseous publicity and patronage. Airmen enjoy their Club in peace. Why should not professional women do likewise? The less said about

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