

NURSING ECHOES.

The King has approved the award of the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal to Mrs. Starr. The Viceroy has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State for India:—

"The King and Queen have learned with deep interest and admiration of the service rendered by Mrs. Starr in the rescue of Miss Ellis from the hands of her mother's murderers. Their Majesties share the feeling of horror to which the brutal crime at Kohat gave rise and are greatly relieved to know that Mrs. Starr's heroic endeavour has been crowned with success. The fearless devotion with which she has carried through her quest will long be an encouragement and an inspiration."

The Nursing Profession share the admiration of Their Majesties for the gallant action of their colleague Mrs. Starr—who is a member of the Trained Nurses' Association of India—and enjoy the reflected glory.

It is announced that the Duke of York, who will be accompanied by the Duchess of York, will visit Liverpool on July 25th to lay the corner-stone of the new Nurses' Home in connection with the Royal Infirmary. They will have a great reception.

The Duchess has been granted, upon her marriage, the rank of a Princess, with the title of Royal Highness.

An official statement issued at Army headquarters in Dublin on Monday stated that the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, sister of the Earl of Midleton, who has been actively associated with the rebels in Kerry, refused to obey a challenge to halt when cycling between West Cove and Sneem, County Kerry, on Saturday. The troops fired and Miss Brodrick was wounded in the right leg. It is stated that when the challenge was given Miss Brodrick increased her speed and tried to get away.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Miss Brodrick, who is one of the most altruistic of women, and one of the most charming and witty members of the Nursing Profession. Troops who deliberately fire on old ladies have yet to learn the meaning of the chivalry of war! We own, however, that Albinia Brodrick is as game as a woman half her age, and worthy of the bow and spear of her enemies. We hope her injury is not serious.

The Matron and Nursing Staff of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1, acknowledge with very warm thanks

the many kind tokens they have received from friends of the Hospital in support of the Bazaar to be opened by H.H. Princess Helena Victoria at the Hospital on Friday, May 4th, at 3 o'clock.

There is promise of many unique attractions, to which will be added an attractive musical programme and the provision of tea and supper.

It is hoped that as many as possible of those interested in the Hospital will be present, to ensure to the Nursing Staff the success which they are striving so hard to achieve.

Many reports of Guardians' Meetings come before us weekly. The Boards appear anxious to improve conditions; but the need of more money and shorter hours is not the paramount reason for the shortage of Probationers. What the right type of woman requires is better training and more systematic teaching—practical as well as theoretical. Nothing can be more disastrous to hospital efficiency than the attitude of the General Nursing Council and the Ministry of Health on this question. Together they are adopting a suicidal policy—in flouting the Nurses' Act, so far as compulsory standards of training are concerned. Until Probationers have a "prescribed scheme of training" secured, the best candidates will shy off, and take up other work. For this they are not to be blamed.

We congratulate the Brighton Guardians in realising the necessity of securing better-educated probationers, as Mr. Burchett stated at a recent meeting, "the dearth of probationers was an educational one."

It may be a *canard*, but it is rumoured that at the Cowdray Club for nurses and others at Aberdeen a notice appears on the bedroom doors: "Please keep your rooms tidy. Thank you." We wonder if Lady Cowdray adopts this method with her scullerymaids at Carlton House Terrace!

PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

We regret, owing to want of space, to be compelled to hold over a communication from Miss Maude MacCallum on "College Methods," in refutation of the attack made upon the Union by Miss Sparshott at the recent meeting of the G.N.C. Miss MacCallum notes that the statistics given are for 1921—as the membership has largely increased since that date.

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