

### NURSING ECHOES.

As there are so many functions being held on the 26th inst., don't forget that the Frills and Furbelows Sale opens at 12 noon on that date at 431, Oxford Street, W. We are very anxious to send a nice little cheque towards saving Thoroton Church Spire, in the Vale of Belvoir; and now that so many nurses belong to Dramatic Sections of Leagues or Hospitals, we recommend them to secure the gowns for these wardrobes.

The Editor and Assistant Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING will be obliged if their correspondents will place the titular letters "S.R.N." after their names. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Margaret Breay have been consistent State Registrationists for the past thirty-five years, and having helped to secure legal status and a distinctive title for members of the Nursing Profession, desire to avail themselves of all the privileges bestowed upon their Profession by the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act. The right to a "prescribed training" is denied by the present Council, temperamentally "Anti" and extraordinarily ignorant; but this arrogant clique must not be permitted to override the provisions of the Act, even if supported by the "legal advisers" of the Ministry of Health. The Irish "deportees" case proves the fallibility of even the Law Officers of the Crown. Anyway, what we have we must hold. "Up, the Syllabus of Training"!

The Annual Meeting of the Ranyard Mission will be held on Friday, June 1st, at 3 p.m., in the Central Hall (Small), Westminster. The Chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop of Woolwich, D.D., and the Speakers will be the Lady Sydenham, Miss Irene M. Hett (Hon. Sec., Ranyard Mission), J. Prescott Hedley, Esq., F.R.C.S. (St. Thomas's Hospital), the Rev. Cyril C. B. Bardsley, D.D., and the Rev. Ivor J. Robertson. Organ Recital at 2.30 p.m. by Mr. R. Bertram Hudson, F.R.C.O.

The sixty-sixth Birthday Gathering of the Workers will be held immediately after the Meeting, and friends are asked to stay and take this opportunity of talking with those actually engaged in the work. (Tea, 1s. each.)

The London Diocesan Bandette has kindly promised to play during tea.

Gifts in money or kind for Pound Day will be gratefully received, either at the Hall on June 1st, or at Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, London, W.C., on Saturday, June 9th.

The Annual Nurses' Reunion of the Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, will be held on Friday, June 8th. Dr. Muir and Matron hope to see as many as possible of the past Members of the Nursing Staff. There will be a Service in the Chapel at 5 p.m. Address by the Rev. F. W. M. Woodward, M.A., D.D., Rector of Buckhurst Hill. Tea and Reception in the Nurses' Home from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. A limited number, coming from a distance, can be put up for the night if they will let Matron know.

The Council of the Jewish Hospital report that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has approved the hospital as a complete training school for nurses. The Council rightly realises that this will not only tend to ensure a supply of Jewish probationers for the hospital, but also a supply of Jewish nurses for other institutions which may require them.

So far as we are aware, Jewish girls have not largely adopted nursing as a profession; hence many Jewish patients, when ill, cannot be attended by those of their own nationality.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Sister Cartwright is now enjoying the fine sea air at Swanage, after a visit to friends in Warwickshire from which she has derived much benefit. Letters are welcome. Address, c/o Mrs. Stagg, Elwyn, Stafford Road, Swanage.

Many years ago, before the Government had made a move to provide trained nursing skill and care for prisoners, we proposed the formation of an Elizabeth Fry League of Nurses to promote this very important reform. Something now is being done in England (although not nearly enough) to bring trained physical and psychological experience to help defectives with criminal tendencies who gravitate to durance vile. We hope the Registered Nursing Profession, now that they enjoy legal status, will show more interest in the future than they have done in the past in prison reform.

These preliminary remarks may be taken to refer to an article sent to us for publication by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, who has recently—presumably as a political prisoner—been incarcerated in the North Dublin Union Prison, and is now recovering from wounds and hunger-strike in "a delightful nursing home" in Dublin. Her experiences prove how greatly an Elizabeth Fry League is required in the Irish Free State, and will be read with interest, whatever our politics, throughout the Nursing World.

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