

### NURSING ECHOES.

As we go to press a large gathering is taking place in Edinburgh of the National Council of Women, which has before it a great programme, at which many able speeches will doubtless be made, and many interesting Resolutions debated at the Representative Council Meetings. Most of the well-known nurses' organisations are affiliated to the Council, and have delegates at Edinburgh. In the absence of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Carson Rae will represent the National Council of Trained Nurses, and Miss Kathleen Smith, R.R.C., and Miss Villiers have been nominated by the Matrons' Council.

The following resolution will be proposed to the Meeting by the London Branch of the Council:—

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland urges the Board of Works to add to Nurse Cavell's statue her dying words: 'Patriotism is not enough. I must have no bitterness or hatred in my heart.'

"The National Council of Women feels that these words are a valuable contribution to international understanding, and that the memorial to Nurse Cavell is incomplete without them."

The N.C.W. is strongly pacifist, but it seems inadvisable to minimise the patriotism of those who subscribed to erect Nurse Cavell's statue in Trafalgar Square. We believe any such additional inscription will lead to "reprisals," to judge by the expressions of opinion which have to be removed by the police from time to time from the statue, by those who still hold her execution in horror.

At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, of which the late Miss Amy Hughes was a member, it was agreed to forward a vote of condolence to the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, of which she was General Superintendent for many years.

The nurses of St. Mary's Infirmary, Highgate Hill, have held a most successful bazaar, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to a Library and Sports Club. The bazaar realised £150. The objects are admirable, and, managed by the Nursing Staff themselves, will be sure to result in profit and pleasure to them all. We do so love to see nurses "doing for"

themselves. They are deprived of stimulus and well-earned satisfaction when they are "done for."

A most successful American Tea has recently been held at the Town Hall in aid of the Maidenhead and District Nursing Association, the proceeds of which were about £65, for help and support in connection with which Miss A. Foster, the Superintendent of the Home, expresses her thanks through the press.

The American Tea is arranged on the reciprocity system, the idea being that each visitor, after paying for tea and the entertainment, brings in at least one small gift for the stalls and also buys at least one small gift from a stall.

It is wonderful how easily tidy sums of money can be secured by this system.

The Marchioness of Bute, President, declared the new Club for Nurses (we hope without coercion as to being members of the College of Nursing, Ltd.) open on the 10th inst. at Cardiff.

Lady Thomas (formerly Assistant Matron at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary), as Chairman, extended a cordial welcome to the Marchioness, and said they could count themselves happy and fortunate in having the association of such a personality as the Marchioness, who was a leader in the Nursing Profession during the war.

The Marchioness of Bute emphasised the arduous and trying character of the lives of nurses, and how essential it was for them and for the dependents of patients that the social side of their rest and recreation should be cultivated. The club she had the privilege to declare open had been instituted to ensure both those essentials. She hoped no one would think that the club was a "charity." It was not, and once it got on its own feet it would be self-supporting.

Professor Hepburn, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Marchioness of Bute, said he had known her as a nurse in the Third Western Hospital, where, under the name of "Nurse Stuart," she was one of the rank and file. She had also been one of his students, and he could sincerely say it was a loss to the profession of medicine when she became Marchioness.

Why the need of all this fulsome flattery? The Marchioness of Bute is no doubt an admirable lady. We admire her as the 'mother of seven splendid children. Work as a V.A.D.

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