

NURSING ECHOES.

Nurses who will volunteer to sell Flanders poppies in London on Saturday, November 10th, should write or call at the Poppy Day Headquarters, 34, Lowndes Square, S.W.1.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses is keeping open the Octo-Centenary-Bed Fund until after the Christmas Gathering, when it will be decided what is to be done with the surplus money. The amount (beyond the £1,000) has reached £195, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. de Segundo, is most anxious to receive £5 more before the Meeting, so as to hand over a round sum. If any members have not yet contributed, Mrs. de Segundo will be grateful for donations.

Old friends will be pleased to know that Sister Cartwright is improving, and that her address is now the War Memorial Hospital, Alford, Lincolnshire. This is a charming little hospital, at which the Matron is Miss Rhoda Metherell, for some years a valued member of the Registered Nurses' Society, who has helped to make the arrangement enabling Sister Cartwright to be admitted to this hospital, and who "feels it an honour" to be permitted to do everything possible for her comfort now that she is laid aside, and requires constant care night and day.

Alford is only three miles from Ulceby Manor, Sister Cartwright's old home, so that many old friends may be able to visit and cheer her up. We feel sure all her colleagues will realise that these arrangements are really very happy ones, and if any of them are in the neighbourhood Sister will be delighted to see them.

A British Nurses' 6d. Fund is being opened to assist the needs of the proposed School for Nurses in Russia.

This School of Nursing is to be started in Moscow to teach Russian women all subjects connected with the work of sick nursing and the prevention of disease.

During the famine the relief organisations of England and America carried out the work of saving the Russian population from starvation. Millions were saved from this; but thousands of people, especially the little children, are still dying from want of health education amongst the masses, and medical and nursing care.

Miss Muriel A. Payne, S.R.N., Hon. Sec., therefore appeals to her colleagues of the Nursing Profession to help to train Russian Nurses, and thus prevent this unnecessary loss of life and suffering.

Just put four three-halfpenny stamps in an envelope and send to Miss M. A. Payne, Hon. Sec. International School of Nursing and Child Welfare for Russia, 20, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.

Sir William Hale-White, K.B.E., M.D., is Chairman of the Committee.

Our readers will note in our advertisement columns that the well-known Home Hospital in Leicester, owned and organised by Miss E. Pell-Smith, is for sale, as after many years of successful duty Miss Pell-Smith is retiring from active work. This Home Hospital has deservedly the reputation of being one of the best equipped and managed in the Kingdom, and the altruistic and professional tone and personal kindness maintained under Miss Pell-Smith's administration have gained for it a confidence from those who have been nursed back to health within its walls which is a very real asset. Those who buy the good-will of the Home Hospital, Leicester, will realise that its value is a very definite one.

The Tynemouth Board of Guardians have decided to amalgamate their Nursing Staff with that of the Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Committee for training purposes, and pupils prepared under a conjoint scheme of training will be prepared for the Examination of the General Nursing Council. This is all to the good. We note, however, the statement in a contemporary that "all nurses to be entered on the Register must have passed through a school recognised by the Council, where the Syllabus of Training laid down by them was followed." This is not the case, as, owing to the weakness and futility of the majority of the present General Nursing Council for England and Wales, there is no obligation on any institution to follow a Syllabus of Training, and we are just as badly off in this respect as we were before the Act was passed.

The Certificate of Instruction merely provides that the pupils have been taught on the Syllabus of Examination.

The Nurses' Registration Act gives nurses in training the right to a "prescribed training." At present the only test as to whether the training given to probationers is efficient is when they submit themselves to the Examination, and our unfortunate profession is still the sport of chance.

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