

### NURSING ECHOES.

The promotion of the health of the community is a matter of primary importance in the work of trained nurses, who realise that prevention is better than cure, and that the standard of National Health can best be raised by helping the well to keep well. We therefore have pleasure in drawing attention to the Health Week to be observed from October 7th to 13th, under the patronage of the King and Queen, which is being organised by the Health Week Committee appointed by the Royal Sanitary Institute 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. The object of Health Week is to focus public attention for one week in the year on matters of Health, and to arouse that sense of personal responsibility for Health without which all public work, whether by the Government or Local Authorities, must fall far short of its aims. It is suggested that the dominant idea this year should be "Self Help in Health," and the consideration of what each individual can do for himself and his neighbour in securing a healthy life. The manner in which Health Week is observed in each district must necessarily be determined by a Local Committee, but efforts should be made to bring members of every class and profession into a line with the specific health work. Many methods of doing this will occur to trained nurses.

The *Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League News* is full of interesting things. Foremost amongst them is the good news contained in the letter of Miss J. W. Davies, the President, concerning her recent serious illness:—"You will be glad to know that after three months' rest I have made a good recovery, and have returned to the Infirmary to take up my duties well and fit."

Miss Davies continues:—"The League continues to grow—both in numbers and usefulness—and I ask you to give it your hearty support and interest; for I believe that with the admission to the State Register of untrained women, and the failure of the General Nursing Council to secure a prescribed Syllabus of Training, Leagues may play an important part in assisting to maintain a high professional standard and an efficient training for the future nurse."

Miss G. A. Rogers, late Matron of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, writes in the preface to which her honoured name is appended:

"Leagues have 'caught on' in a way which

proves that they have met a felt need. They have formed a bond of union between members of the same Training School, and this in no narrow exclusive spirit; they have rather led members to realise that they were not mere isolated units, but members of a profession whose interests and whose honour they are bound to uphold. . . .

"There are no more deadly enemies to any organisation than apathy and indifference; open hostility is far less deadly. Are you keeping in living touch with your League, doing what you can to help it to uphold the best traditions of nursing, or are you content with nominal membership? Do you wish to see the standard of training raised, or, having gained your certificate, are you indifferent? I repeat that the future of your League is in your hands. Work for it; care for it; never be satisfied with the second best, and its future is assured."

We hope the present generation of nurses will receive inspiration from these leaders, who have themselves contributed so much to the uplift of our profession.

Miss Breay and Miss Pearse not only found kind friends in Christiania on their return journey from Copenhagen. At Bergen also they found the way smoothed for them, for Sister Larsson had telephoned to a member of the N.C.N. there who is an Inspector of Factories, so that in Norway, and in Denmark, the representatives of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland had a practical demonstration of the international hospitality and friendliness of the National Councils in these countries.

The *American Journal of Nursing* just to hand brings the news that Miss Carolyn E. Gray, M.A., B.Sc., has been appointed by the trustees Dean of the new School of Nursing of Western Reserve University, U.S.A. "Mrs. Bolton's gift of 500,000 dollars is," we read, "to be kept as an endowment fund for the new School, which thus becomes the first endowed undergraduate school for nurses in this country. . . . The position of Dean is therefore one of eminence, carrying with it much distinction, but it will be no sinecure. Demanding wide knowledge, indomitable courage, and the vision of the pioneer, it offers glowing opportunity to one possessing these gifts. To the courageous soul now embarking on uncharted seas in the interest of a mighty cause we extend our heartiest good wishes." And so say all of us.

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