

### NURSING ECHOES.

We are delighted to learn that at Police Stations in the Metropolitan Area where there is no whole time Matron on duty, the Home Secretary is taking steps to ensure that when a woman is charged, and detained, a Matron shall be summoned to the station, and remain there while the woman is under arrest. Those nurses who have been working for reform in this particular will therefore, we anticipate, see it accomplished.

It is good news that candidates desirous of becoming regular probationers at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will, beginning on September 19th, be received at the Preliminary Training School, 24, King Square, Goswell Road, E.C., before they are admitted to work in the wards. As we have already reported Miss E. A. Smith (Sister Darker) has been appointed Sister-in-Charge, and a certificated teacher of cookery, hygiene, anatomy and physiology has been appointed to assist her.

The regulations state that there are vacancies for 20 suitable candidates every seven weeks.

The Course in the Preliminary Training School comprises tuition and practical work in the following subjects: Elementary Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Sickroom Cookery, Bandaging, and in all such details of practical nursing as can be taught by way of preparation for actual attendance on the sick.

While at the Preliminary Training School, Pupil-probationers will receive instruction in, and be required to perform, such household duties as will subsequently fall to their share when admitted to the Wards.

The fee for the Course, including board-residence and a certain amount of personal laundry, is six guineas, which must be paid in advance to the Clerk to the Governors of the Hospital. The Pupil-probationer has also to provide herself with indoor uniform to pattern.

On the completion of the six weeks' Course of Preliminary Training examinations will be held in the various subjects, and at the end of the seventh week those Pupil-probationers who are deemed suitable will be transferred to the Hospital on trial for two months.

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, an opportunity is open to a nurse with a speaking knowledge of Polish, French or German, to fill a post as Supervisor and Instructor in the School of Nursing affiliated with the Jewish Municipal Hospital of Warsaw. Application should be made to Miss Amelia Greenwald, R.N., c/o The BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 43I, Oxford Street, London, W.I.

Miss E. W. Butler, a Queen's Nurse, who recently went out to Australia to work in connection with the Bush Nursing Association, writes in the *Queen's Nurses Magazine* :—

"The New South Wales Bush Nursing Association have a lovely house for the nurses, called Cavell House, Summer Hill (Sydney). This house was left by a lady with its beautiful gardens and every convenience for tired nurses. There were many private nurses there

who were glad of the rest between their cases. While at Sydney we passed the A.T.N.A. examination. We had twelve hours of writing and half a day at practical work, including the Surgeon's and Medical Officer's examination. There were about 200 nurses sitting for the examination, including obstetric nurses. This examination is held twice a year. I only spent ten days in Sydney, and having to attend the examination, my time soon went. I have now landed at Mount Hope, which is 446 miles from Sydney and took two days to reach. This is real Bush. Mount Hope five years ago was a busy little sapper mining centre, but the population is dwindling down to about seventeen families and a few stationed round about within forty miles. We have two mails a week, as the train only comes in twice a week into a siding called Matakana, which is eleven miles from Mount Hope. The doctor lives ninety miles away and a dentist visits twice a year. The people are very healthy and the pregnant women go to town for their confinement, as it is cheaper than having a doctor, and the change does them good."

"There are lots of snakes and poisonous spiders about here, but I have not had a case of snake bite yet. The birds and flowers are brilliantly coloured, but I love the sparrows which remind me of dear old England. The birds do not sing like they do at home, and very rarely does one hear the thrush. The scenery from my cottage is very pretty. It is situated on a hill and opposite is a range of hills covered with pines and gum trees. On a hot day the distant hills look as blue as the sea, and with the miners' wooden houses with tin roofs it is quite picturesque. Behind our small mountain Gingerambone, the sun sets and beautiful colours of pale pink and mauve are to be seen. We drink all rain water here which is caught from the houses in tanks. There is one drawback, we get very short of water and the nearest river is forty-two miles away. There are several large government tanks here for roaming cattle, but the school children and myself claim one for swimming."

The Overseas Nursing Association reports that five more Nurses have been sent to Newfoundland, for work under the Outport Nursing Association, where they are urgently needed, and their services are much appreciated, as the following extract will show :—

"I am very happy here, and so far have survived the cold weather which has been 30 degrees below zero. I do not find the isolation so very terrible now; it is surprising how one gets used to it. I have not seen a train for nine months. This is a large settlement, with between 800 and 900 people, all living in little wooden houses, very primitive, no sanitary arrangements, no water in the houses, and the only light a kerosene lamp. Any one who intends coming to an Outport must be prepared to put their hand to anything, such as stitching up wounds, extracting teeth. Most of the time there is no Doctor available; in the winter the snow is too deep for them to cross country. I have extracted about 100 teeth since I came here. . . . I do not like going away for a holiday as the people watch for me to come back again. I always feel sorry for them living in the Outports with no Doctor or Nurse available. . . ."

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