

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen has consented to become the Patroness of the College of Nursing, Ltd., Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London.

We learn that the Council of the College of Nursing has decided to publish a monthly journal. The first essential of a publication issued as the organ of any profession is that it should be edited by one of its members, and we presume that a thoroughly trained Registered Nurse will edit this publication. The fact that when the *Bulletin* was first issued it was edited by a laywoman proved that the Council of the College did not realise that such an appointment was entirely unprofessional.

The Lady Mayoress of London (Miss Pryke) recently presided at the Mansion House at a meeting of the Committee which is making the arrangements for the Bazaar in connection with "Fleet Street Week" for St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on October 14th and 15th, which, by the kind permission of the Lord Mayor, will be held in the Egyptian Hall, at the Mansion House.

Amongst the Stall-Holders are the Sisters and Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Important documents affecting the interests of Nurses have recently been published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W. 1. We advise our readers to procure and study them. They are: The Report from the Select Committee on Nursing Homes (Registration), price 4d. net; the Report of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder, price 3s. 6d.; and the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, price 3d., which has just received the Royal Assent.

Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, in an "Outline of the Practice of Preventive Medicine," recently stated that the provision of a school medical service introduced a new era into the work of public health. Great advances had also been made towards overcoming the terrible scourge of venereal disease. The measures which had been taken were resulting in very marked improvement. He was hoping also in coming years, if means would but adequately allow, for great advances in dealing with those who were suffering from, or were liable to, mental diseases.

Few people realise what a marked effect in the prevention of disease has been effected by the work of School Nurses.

We are pleased to learn that the Matrons under the Metropolitan Asylums Board are to receive an increase of 10 per cent. on their present salaries. These Matrons have heavy responsibilities, and the supervision of large staffs of nurses; and it is right that they should be remunerated accordingly.

The General Purposes Committee of the Metropolitan Asylums Board have submitted a Report to the Board in regard to the Nursing arrangements and the Salaries of the Staff. They do not recommend any increase in the salaries of the probationers, which, having regard to the fact that they are being taught during this time, they consider adequate at £29 the first year, £31 the second year, and £41 the third year, but they recommend that £9,000 a year shall be spent on improving the salaries of the Staff Nurses and Sisters, commencing salaries of Staff Nurses to begin at £60, rising to £70 and those of Sisters commencing at £80, rising by £2 10s. per annum to £90.

For several years experiments in indoor uniform have been made at hospitals under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and it has now been decided that overalls may be worn instead of dresses and aprons. Some matrons are of opinion that the innovation adds greatly to the comfort of the staff, while also proving an economy, but others are opposed to any alteration in the existing uniform. Lady members of the General Purposes Committee of the Board made it their business to go into the matter, and, as a consequence, the issue of overalls to nurses as articles of uniform was authorised. They are to be made of white drill, half-bleached apron linen or similar material, and are to be fitted with rank-distinguishing badges as in the case of dresses. This means the abolition of belts, cuffs, and collars, which is an alteration many nurses will welcome.

For Registered Nurses who have a talent for teaching the post of Sister-Tutor is one which has many attractions. At present the post of Sister-Tutor and Theatre Sister combined is vacant at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, London, E. 8. The salary is £120 per annum, and candidates must hold the Diploma of Nursing of Leeds University, or the King's College Sister-Tutor's Certificate.

Applications must be received by the Matron by September 13th.

The retirement of Mrs. Lancelot Andrews from the post of Inspector in the Ministry of Health calls to remembrance the fact that it is now over 16 years since the President of the Local Government Board of that day, the Right Honble. John Burns, M.P., appointed, for the first time, three highly-trained nurses, to act as Women Inspectors, to whom were assigned the duties of inspecting the Maternity Wards, nurseries, infirmaries, and nursing arrangements under the Poor Law, and also boarded-out children, with Miss Ina Stansfeld as Chief Inspector. The three Inspectors appointed were Mrs. Andrews, a Gold Medallist of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who had had experience in the supervision of boarded-out children in connection with the National Refuge Association in Shaftesbury Avenue, Miss Margaret Lea, certificated at the London Hospital, and afterwards an Assistant Superintendent under Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and the late Miss Helen Todd.

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