

NURSING ECHOES.

A very encouraging sign in connection with nurses is their thirst for knowledge for its own sake, and that they may the better qualify themselves for the care of the community. Large numbers of trained nurses for instance, with small encouragement it must be owned, as a rule, from their superior officers, pay considerable sums in order to gain the certificates of the Central Midwives Board and of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, money saved frequently out of hardly earned and very modest salaries, and further they obtain certificates as Health Visitors, and of the Royal Sanitary Institute, for which they do not expect to be recompensed by the proportionate rise in salary which they might justly expect, but by the knowledge that they have taken all possible means to render themselves competent for their life's work.

We desire to draw the attention of nurses, who are also midwives, to the notice on page 214 of this JOURNAL of the Post Graduate Course for Maternity Nurses and Certified Midwives, *wherever trained*, which will be held at the Clapham Maternity Hospital. It cannot fail to be instructive, stimulating and delightful, and we advise our readers to make a note of the date—September 27th to October 2nd. There is no fee for the course but a fee of £1 is. will be charged to those who enter for the Clapham Midwifery Examination at its conclusion, which is entirely optional. The special value of this Examination is that in addition to the written paper and the *viva voce* examination, a clinical examination is also included, for which reason it affords excellent evidence of practical efficiency.

We desire to direct the attention of our readers to a paper of outstanding importance, by Miss Van Blarcom, presented at the International Congress of Nurses at Helsingfors last year, which so far the extreme pressure on our space has prevented us from publishing, on page 212.

It will be remembered that at the Round Table Conference held during the Congress on "The Training and Control of Midwifery" the following Resolution, moved by Miss Annabel Smith of Philadelphia, was carried unanimously:—

"In view of the desire of the Members of the International Council of Nurses here present to have further advice and recognition on the subject of training for a midwifery service to follow on as a State Registered Course of General Nursing this motion is respectfully presented to the Grand Council with a request for the appointment of a Sub-Committee to work out details and hear various opinions."

This was in line with the Resolution sent up from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for the consideration of the Grand Council.

That the Nursing Curriculum of Education for registration as a general nurse should follow along that of medicine, and should include instruction in medical and surgical nursing and midwifery.

This Resolution was referred to the Education Committee for consideration.

The second Annual "Cavell Memorial Service" was held on August 4th on the Glacier of the Angel, at the foot of Mount Edith Cavell (so named in her

honour), in the Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada. The simple service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Edwards, the Park Chaplain, who states that "it is held in humble thanksgiving to God for her exhibition of unflinching courage and her faithfulness to the basic principle of her profession—to save life at whatever



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EDITH CAVELL MEMORIAL SERVICE
at the foot of the Angel Glacier, Rocky Mountains, Alberta, Canada.

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