

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen has consented to become President of the many good works supported by the late Queen Alexandra, among them the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, the British Red Cross Society, Queen Alexandra Hospital Home for Discharged Soldiers, Gifford House, Roehampton. The Queen has also become patron of Queen's College, Harley Street, and of St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Plaistow.

The Duke of Connaught has addressed the following kind letter to the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava in connection with her appeal for contributions towards the "Memorial to the Nurses of the British Empire who fell in the Great War":—

Dear Lady Dufferin,—I thank you for your kind letter on the subject of the proposed "Memorial to Oversea Nurses who Fell in the War," and also for sending me the scheme on the enclosed paper. Most warmly do I approve of it, and I congratulate you on your endeavours to perpetuate the gratitude we all feel to them for their unselfish services to our men at the front and at the base hospitals. I had opportunities of judging for myself how great and valuable those services were. Anything that can be done to perpetuate the memory of the oversea nurses during the Great War is well deserving of support. I hope that your endeavours will be as successful as they deserve to be.

Assuring you of my warmest support, believe me, yours very sincerely,  
ARTHUR.

As we have previously announced, the memorial is to take the form of a home for nurses in connection with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and it is proposed that the names of all oversea nurses who fell in the war be inscribed on the walls of the building. Contributions may be sent to the Secretary, Memorial Appeal, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144, Euston Road, N.W.1.

The Prince of Wales has sent £25 in response to Lady Dufferin's appeal in connection with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Fund for a memorial to nurses of the British Empire who fell in the Great War.

The Duke and Duchess of York have given their patronage to the appeal.

The Committee of the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra reported at a recent meeting that the work was being carried on with the greatest possible speed, and that the donations received and promised at headquarters amounted to £24,000. That did not include funds raised locally, or in Scotland and Ireland. The work of calling on the big city guilds and firms was proceeding, and the Ambassadors abroad, High Commissioners, Consuls and foreign chaplains had also been approached. The churches were giving most valuable assistance, and county nursing associations had been asked to organise the memorial fund in their own areas. The musical profession, the stage, and many public bodies had given their cordial support.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses' it was reported

that the names of 108 nurses had been submitted to the Queen for appointment as Queen's Nurses to date January 1st, 1926.

At a recent Council Meeting of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute the Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston presented long service badges to the following "Queen's" superintendents and nurses who have recently qualified for them by completing 21 years' service:—Miss M. K. Mearns, Miss H. P. Moore, Miss M. H. Bevington, Miss I. Griffiths, Miss A. M. Matthews, Miss E. A. Pearce, Miss S. A. Perkins, Miss M. Reeve, Miss S. Roberts, and Miss A. Strachan.

The annual report for 1925 for submission to the Queen as patron was approved, and showed satisfactory progress in all branches of the work.

Lady FitzGerald is again most kindly inviting Queen's Nurses for a holiday at Buckland, Berkshire, during the month of May. Many will wish to avail themselves of a fortnight's rest and refreshment free of charge under most pleasant conditions in a charming country village.

Applications should be made to Miss Tarver, Buckland Lodge, Faringdon, Berks, and a reference given either from the County Superintendent or the Head of a Queen's Home should be enclosed.

The Queen's Nurses' Home of Rest at Bryn-y Menai, Bangor, North Wales, will be reopened early in April. Miss Goodwin will be glad to hear from any nurses wishing to go there for convalescence or a holiday.

The Committee of the Nurses' Missionary League is arranging a series of meetings to be held each day of the week from March 22nd to 27th at Holy Trinity Church House, 204A, Great Portland Street, London, W., which will be conducted by Miss A. O. Shaw, Travelling Secretary, Nurses' Missionary League, each morning, and by the Rev. D. H. D. Wilkinson, formerly Diocesan Missionary, Southwell, in the afternoon and evening.

The general subjects of the addresses will be *Mornings*, 10 a.m.-12—"What is real religion"? *Afternoons*, 3-5 p.m.—"Does Christianity work"? *Evenings*, 7-9 p.m.—"Is life worth living"? The detailed programme of the daily addresses can be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, Nurses' Missionary League, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1. Holy Trinity Church House is a few minutes' walk from Portland Road Station, and from Regent's Park Station, Bakerloo Tube. In preparation for this series of meetings, members of the Nursing Profession and their friends are keeping March 10th as a Day of Prayer, and all who can do so are asked to attend at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, to join in prayer for this effort.

We note that the Medical Members of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., have issued an appeal to their Colleagues in the Medical Profession to help with the endowment of the College. We think this appeal ill-advised, and do not believe that it will commend itself generally to members of the College. The Medical profession, which, taken as a whole, is not a rich one, has many charities of its own claiming its support, and we

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