

NURSING ECHOES.

Various alterations are being made in the uniform worn by Queen's Nurses, and the official detailed instructions will be sent out a little later on. Meanwhile, however, the style of in-and out-door uniform has been decided upon. The uniform is, the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* states, neat and workmanlike in design, and a greater contrast can hardly be imagined to that which was formerly in use. The dress is made in the "coat-frock" style with a loose belt. The holland apron is without gathers and an overall can be worn instead if desired. The coat is cut so as to give more width across the chest and the collar can be worn open or closed. The straw or felt hat is of an approved design, trimmed with a navy ribbon with a bow at the side. Black shoes and stockings only are to be worn in uniform. A monogram is to be worn on the ribbon of the hat and on the cap, and buttons for the coat will also have the monogram engraved, but these will not be ready till later in the year. Paper patterns of the dress, apron and overall can be obtained by any Queen's Nurse who writes, enclosing a 2d. stamp for postage, to the General Superintendent, 58, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

An interesting wedding took place at All Saints, Margaret Street, London, W., on August 18th, Miss Marion Scudamore Smith, of Dedham, Essex, formerly a Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, was married to Brigadier-General Francis Drake, of Grazeley Lodge, South Farnborough. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Viscount Mountmorris, and the Rev. J. S. Hales, late Principal Chaplain, Iraq, and the Rev. Colin Cameron, C.F. The reception subsequently was held at the United Nursing Services Club, 34, Cavendish Square, W., where amongst those present were the Director-General of the Army Medical Service, and the Matron-in-Chief of Q.A.I.M.N.S. Needless to say, in the hands of Miss Steele, the capable and charming Secretary of the Club, the arrangements were perfectly carried out.

Once again the paper of the League of Old Members of the National Union of Trained Nurses has made its appearance, bearing the distinctive green star, and as usual it has reached a very high level. Amongst the contributors are Miss S. A. Villiers, a member of the General Nursing Council, on "The Work of the Council," Miss E. M. Cancellor on "The Movies in Public Health." Then Miss Georgina Lord, M.B.C.N., describes the foundation of the British College of Nurses and its beautiful headquarters. "H. T." contributes a very interesting article on "The Conditions of Childbearing among the well-to-do over a hundred years ago," and the Hon. Albinia Brodrick writes "On Character."

A full-time course of training for candidates desirous of obtaining the new Health Visitor's Certificate, in connection with the Public Health Department in the University of Leeds, will be held during the session 1927-28. The course, which has been approved by

the Minister of Health in accordance with the provisions of Memorandum 101 M.C.W., will commence on October 5th, and will extend over a period of not less than two academic terms (six months).

Intending students should make application at once to the Registrar, The University, Leeds, or to Prof. J. Johnstone Jervis, M.D., D.P.H., 12, Market Buildings, Vicar Lane, Leeds, from whom copies of the prospectus and forms of application for admission to the course may be obtained.

Mrs. Todd, the President of the Nurses' Association of China, has left for America on furlough, and Miss Lillian Wu has been elected President in her absence. Miss Wu writes:—"I hope I shall be able to fill the position as well as she did. This will not be easy, and I ask all the members of the N.A.C. to help me that this year may be a very successful one, our hopes realised, the ideals of our profession upheld to the glory of our country. Let us hope and pray for God's guidance and peace in the future." Those who met Miss Wu at the Helsingfors Conference, where she made friends of many nationalities, will be sure that she will fill the position with dignity and distinction.

On June 22, the Yale University School of Nursing in graduating its second class, celebrated its first Commencement in participation with the other professional schools in Yale. This marked the two hundred and twenty-sixth Commencement of that great university. Those who were present will long remember the imposing procession led by distinguished men, representing many universities as it assembled on the campus, circled the Green and entered Woolsey Hall, and among them were fifteen students in the School of Nursing. It was most fitting that the School of Nursing should be grouped between the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health.

As related by *The American Journal of Nursing*, following the presentation of students to the President and Fellows by the Deans of the Faculties of Fine Arts, Music, Law and Divinity, it was thrilling to the nurses who were present to see Dean Goodrich, the only woman Dean in the university rise, and with inspiration in her voice present the candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Nursing. As the students arose it was again thrilling to hear the applause from other schools and the Yale alumni as the class marshal, Elizabeth Bixler, M.A., went forward to accept the degrees for the class from President Angell. Truly we felt for Nursing, "It is good for us to be here," for undoubtedly it marked an achievement and was an appraisal of professional accomplishment when an old and traditional university like Yale stamped its approval on Nursing and ranked the school among its other schools of learning. Nursing was given an impetus which will react on every future effort for advancement and will make the next step easier to accomplish. It was undoubtedly a great day in Nursing history.

Following the commencement exercises, the first alumnae luncheon was held in Nathan Smith Hall. The newly-elected President, Mary de Bois Taylor, B.N., B.A., presided and called upon Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, Miss Nutting, Miss Maxwell, Miss Beard and Dean Goodrich for speeches. These were congratulatory

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