

NURSING ECHOES.

The satisfactory progress towards convalescence made by the King gives cause for rejoicing to his subjects throughout the Empire. His Majesty has now only two nurses in attendance, and when Miss Rosina Davies, S.R.N. (cert. London Hospital), and Miss E. A. Gordon (cert. St. Thomas's Hospital) concluded their service the King personally decorated each of them with the Royal Red Cross (second class), an honour which both the recipients and their colleagues will always appreciate.

Amongst those who had the honour and pleasure of attending the Investiture at Buckingham Palace held by the Prince of Wales on behalf of the King on Wednesday, March 27th, were Miss Sandifer, late Matron of the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Miss A. E. Cummins, late almoner of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, who received the insignia of the Order of the British Empire, and Miss Ethel Cauty, Matron of the Liverpool Maternity Hospital, Miss Helen C. Hodgson, County Superintendent and health visitor for Durham, and Miss M. White, late Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing in Scotland, who received the O.B.E. It must have been a delightful and unforgettable experience.

Sir Harold Boulton presided at the meeting of the Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing which met recently at 58, Victoria Street, S.W.

The appointment by the Queen of the members of the council for the next three years was reported. Sir Harold Boulton was re-elected chairman and Sir William Hale-White vice-chairman for the ensuing year. Lady Georgiana Mure, Mrs. Bruce Richmond, Mrs. John Whitaker, Lord Aberdare, and Mr. D. F. Pennant were appointed hon. secretaries, and Colonel F. W. Pixley and Mr. S. Russell Cooke hon. treasurers. The executive committee for 1929 was also appointed.

1928 was the Diamond Jubilee year of the Nursing Branch of the Ranyard Mission, 25, Russell Square, W.C., and special attention was drawn to it at the Annual Meeting, when Mr. Frank Briant, M.P. for Lambeth, and Dr. E. B. Turner both spoke warmly from personal

experience of the work the Ranyard Nurses are doing. The Committee were touched and delighted to receive a presentation of £100 collected by the Nurses themselves as their share in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Annual Report for 1928 states that the Committee were glad to have a number of opportunities of speaking about the Mission, and would like once more to say to friends how much they welcome these, whether in connection with hospitals, private drawing rooms, or with local churches and associations.

It is a happy thought to place in the Lady Chapel of Liverpool Cathedral an abiding memorial to nurses who died in the Great War who were on the

Nursing Staffs of Liverpool Hospitals, or residents in the Liverpool Diocese, and we produce on this page an illustration of this Memorial, which will be unveiled next month. The sculptor is Mr. David Evans, of the Marlborough studios, St. John's Wood, N.W., who is carrying out his design in Nabresina marble. Mr. Evans was winner of the Prix-de-Rome in 1924.

A fracture of the femur at 89 years of age is usually a very serious injury, and a patient of a Member of the Registered Nurses' Association who has recently sustained this injury, and who is now able to walk about his garden, and to walk up and down stairs with the aid of sticks, after three and a half months, suggests that we might mention this "as it may encourage other poor unfortunates who may suffer in the same way" to hope for a good recovery. The patient attributes much of the

result to the good attention he has received, and we consider that patient, doctor and nurse are all to be congratulated on co-operating to bring it about.

We do not think the public realise the risks to which nurses are subjected in the ordinary discharge of their duty. Recently at an inquest at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, Nurse Gwendoline Henley described a struggle she had had with an elderly patient named Fredericks, suffering from bronchitis and senility, who got out of bed, and whom she was trying to coax back gently, when suddenly he struck her in the face. Then he got hold of her by the throat and tried to strangle her. They both fell on another patient's bed, and in falling the patient put his foot through the



THE NURSES' MEMORIAL TO BE PLACED IN LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

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