

## NURSING ECHOES.

The limits of a monthly journal are necessarily restricted, and we are not dealing with the swiftly changing and serious developments of the political situation, as we feel sure that our readers who are amongst the intelligentsia are following them with attention in the daily Press, realising their responsibility in the exercise of the Parliamentary franchise.

As we go to press, the first Reunion Dinner of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Dinner Club is being held in the Mount Suite of Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W. Such functions are always very popular and enjoyable, and we have no doubt that the first Reunion Dinner of the R.A.F. Nursing Service Dinner Club will be particularly pleasant, marking, as it does, another milestone in the story of this important Nursing Service of the Crown.

The number of street accidents has now become appalling, and scarcely a day passes that a toll is not taken of the lives of men, women, and little children, so that the public are becoming seriously alarmed. None know better than nurses the danger to children from the speed at which vehicles, and especially bicycles and motor cycles round corners, the latter often without sounding any horn. Legislation in this respect is overdue, and nurses might well question candidates for their suffrages in the next election on this point.

The Final Match for the Poor Law Hospital Matrons' Lawn Tennis Challenge Cup was played at St. James' Hospital, Balham, just before our last issue went to press. The Final Match for the Singles Cup had been played previously.

St. Charles' Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, W., again succeeded in carrying off both Cups. The play happily was in fine weather, and there was some very good tennis. Whipps Cross A Team played a fine game and succeeded in beating St. Charles after losing the first set love. Their B Team was not quite strong enough for St. Charles B Team. St. Charles A Team were Miss Mercer and Mrs. Howe; B Team, Miss Corrie and Miss Page. The Whipps Cross A Team were Miss Costar and Miss D. Taylor; B Team, Miss Carpenter and Miss Winterhalder. The players in the Final Match for the Singles Cup were Mrs. Corrie, St. Charles, and Miss James, St. James.

The Cups were presented to the winning Team and to the champions of the Singles by Miss L. Clark, M.B.E., R.R.C., President of the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association.

We rejoice to hear that our fascinating friend, Miss Elnora E. Thomson, President, American Nurses'

Association, has arrived at "the other side" after her visit to the Continent and Great Britain, which has refreshed her immensely.

Miss Thomson writes: "Thank you so much for the beautiful and precious old tea-pot and tray which you gave me as a parting gift. I am guarding it with great care, and henceforth it will have an honoured place in my home, and be a constant reminder of the courtesies extended to me. . . . My students will feel a part of the beginning of modern nursing when I serve them with tea brewed within it. . . . My stay in England was a very happy one, and I am now looking forward to my next trip."

We have omitted to quote some lovely expressions of kindness from this letter, but shall carefully keep it, to be read when we need an encouraging word. We shall join those little tea parties in spirit away in Portland, Oregon, where, we feel sure, the antique tea-pot will do its best to lubricate international friendship.

We wonder which of America's shining nursing lights will be our next guest; to judge from those entertained during the past, the more the merrier.

As reported in the *American Journal of Nursing* we learn with regret that the following important notice has been received from Major Julia C. Stimson, Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps:

"On August 12th the Secretary of War approved the recommendation of General Patterson, Surgeon General of the Army, to suspend the Army School of Nursing immediately. This action was taken in view of the present financial conditions and in accordance with the economy programme of the War Department. The students who had been accepted for the Fall class were

notified that they would not be admitted. It is proposed that the class of 1932 be permitted to complete the course, but that students who entered January 1930, October 1930 and January 1931, be transferred to other schools if possible. An opportunity to be admitted to schools of high standing in the various States for promising students from those States as soon as possible is, therefore urgently requested. If one or two could be accepted to fill vacancies occurring in schools caused by illness or other factors, excellent young women from the Army School could probably be fitted in without undue loss of time or morale and both the students and the new school would benefit. There are 61 students from 27 states for whom such opportunities are desired. The co-operation of the heads of schools in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

Boeing Companies, Seattle, U.S.A., supplies the following interesting information. United Air Lines,



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