

NURSING ECHOES.

Little New Year 1934.

Poised stands he for his breathless pilgrimage,
 A tiptoe in the glowing, rosy Dawn,
 A tiny, trusting baby thing he is ;
 Eager, yet wistful, tremulous and shy,
 Such little, little time he has to stay,
 Such stern, momentous, fateful work to do
 Ere he too swiftly fades into the dark,
 That Limbo of lost years, and golden chance.

H. H.

Vestals in the Temple of Pain.

LIFE IS GOD'S HOLY FIRE; we must protect it without counting the cost, until the moment when He recalls it to His Eternal Light.

"This vision was suggested by Miss Isla Stewart," writes one of her old Nurses, "telling us in one of her lectures, just before our first Christmas in Hospital, that we were to picture ourselves as Vestals in the Temple of Pain. That we might feel our first Xmas in Hospital a lonely one, but it might also be very glorious, if we remembered we were Women and Nurses, with so many around us to help."

It is very satisfactory to learn from quite a number of Matrons, both in London and the Provinces, that there appears to be no shortage of Probationers—young women, well educated and physically fit, are applying for admission to our Training Schools—and the largest school in London has no vacancies until next May. There is no necessity, therefore, to urge young school-girls to enter hospitals for training, until they are fully developed, physically and mentally, and without risk of a physical breakdown. We maintain that the age of 21 is quite soon enough for young women to undertake the duties of such a serious nature as complete training entails, and a further year or two of social experience is all to the good. The student nurse enjoys a most interesting and happy career—full of human feeling—and the value of her services to humanity and the world at large increases from year to year. The wider her experience of social service, the wider her sympathies will be.

"Let us give 1934 credit for good intentions and happy surprises," declared Sir James MacFarlane when he made a fervent appeal for increased revenue recently at the annual New Year's Day meeting of the managers with the nursing staff in Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

The infirmary hall was crowded, and hearty New Year greetings were extended to the nurses by the Lord Provost (Mr. A. B. Swan).

The policy of sending out representatives from the infirmary to conferences or to other hospitals where helpful information can be obtained is to be continued.

For the first time, and at the suggestion of Miss Husband, the matron, six G.R.I. nurses entered for the exhibition of student nurses' work in connection with the annual conference of the College of Nursing held in Aberdeen. Both Miss Husband and Miss M'Inroy attended the conference last year and two of the nurses were awarded first prizes, while three were highly commended.

Sir James MacFarlane added that this was one of several useful suggestions which had been put forward during the year by Miss Husband, while other schemes suggested by her were also under the consideration of the managers.

The presentation of prizes was made by Mrs. Robertson. The principal winners were as follow :—

Final Year Nurses.

Gold medallist—Marion M. Condie.
 Silver medallist—Agnes S. Roberts.
 Bronze medallist—Annie W. Jackson.
 Dr. Henderson's prizes in medicine—December examination—Patricia M. Newbery. March examination—Annie W. Jackson.
 Mr. Duff's prizes in surgery—December examination—Bessie C. Winton. March examination—Rebecca Whyte.
 Professor Hendry's prize in gynæcology—Margaret S. G. Lockhart.
 Matron's prize in nursing—Equal, Sheena C. Huck and Agnes M. Docherty.
 The Professor John Glaister prize—Equal, Martha W. Cairney and Grace M. Cochran.

Pupil Nurses.

Superintendent's Prizes.
 March examination—Margaret Trotter.
 June examination—Roberta P. Thomson.
 December examination—Elizabeth M'Cluskie.

The Nursing Staff of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, was the first to organise a League of its members in Scotland, and it has been affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for many years. We are looking forward to active participation from this important League when the constitution of the Nightingale Foundation is formally defined.

It is announced in the Bulletin of Red Cross Societies that on the recommendation of the Red Lion and Sun of Persia, the League Secretariat has made arrangements for the training of a Persian nurse at the Florence Nightingale School at Bordeaux.

After consultation between the Persian Government, health authorities, the Red Lion and Sun and Dr. Achtiyany, the Society's representative in Paris, a suitable student was chosen from among the nurses of a military hospital in Teheran.

The training in Europe of a number of Persian nurses is part of a general scheme for the creation of a nursing corps in Persia, in which work the Red Lion and Sun is particularly interested.

The Florence Nightingale School at Bordeaux organized by Dr. Anna Hamilton, is renowned throughout France, and the beautiful building in which it is now housed at Talence, near Bordeaux, was erected by American nurses as a Memorial to their colleagues who died in the Great War.

TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

The Matron-in-Chief wishes all T.A.N.S. members every happiness in the New Year, and desires to remind those who have not yet sent their enrolment parchments to their Principal Matrons that these are now due.

It is now nearly twenty years since on that fateful day in 1914, the T.A.N.S. were called out on active service. They were ready, and should ever be so.

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