

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 164 nurses to be Queen's Nurses. They received their training in District Nursing Training Homes as follows: 124 in England, 6 in Wales, 25 in Scotland, and 9 in Ireland.

A mimic air raid on Deal was carried out on November 22nd, when five R.A.F. bombing planes suddenly appeared at a great speed and dropped imaginary bombs on the town. Nurses, doctors, firemen, and workmen rushed to their appointed positions and began the task of clearing the streets and roads of "poison gas," and looking after the "maimed and wounded." Our picture shows women members of the decontamination patrol, wearing their gas-proof clothing, arriving at the Caxton Hall on receiving the alarm.

The Finals of the Annual Q.A.I.M.N.S. Tennis Tournament for the Medforth Cup were recently held at Netley.

It was generally acknowledged that the standard of play was high, and the final match between Miss Morgan—the holder—a strong steady player, and Miss Cotton, whose good style and brilliant service were so pretty to watch—provided an excellent exhibition of tennis for which both players were heartily congratulated.

Colonel Rudkin, introducing Miss Medforth, said that in his opinion the Medforth Tennis Tournament had done a great deal towards improving the standard of Q.A.I.M.N.S. tennis.

Miss Medforth then presented the cup to Miss Cotton, and, on behalf of Miss Martin a cup was also presented to the runner-up, Miss Morgan.

Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was ended by Miss Martin complimenting the competitors generally on their good form and thanking everyone for their share in making the afternoon a success—Mr. Walkley for all his help; Mrs. Paris and Colonel Call, who umpired throughout the afternoon; Major Pryn, who acted as linesman.

The officers' courts were used by permission of Colonel Rudkin, to whom Miss Martin gave especial thanks for all his kindness and for the infinite trouble he had taken in organising the tournament.

A Night Sister's courage in fighting a blaze in a smoke-filled sitting-room at the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, at midnight, on November 3rd, prevented the fire from spreading.

When firemen arrived at the hospital they had to enter the sitting-room, which is on the first floor, by crawling on hands and knees, so dense was the smoke.

They found the Sister busy with a hose though smoke was nearly choking her. The blaze was quickly subdued.

The Board of Management of the Victoria Memorial Jewish Hospital, Manchester, have decided to institute a 48-hour working week for the nursing staff of the hospital, which means increasing the staff by some 20 nurses and extending the Nurses' Home at a capital cost of between £4,000 and £5,000, involving at least an extra £800 a year for maintenance.

Mr. Nathan Laski, the chairman of the Board, in making the announcement, said that there had always been a fine spirit of co-operation between the lay, the medical, and the nursing staffs at the Victoria Jewish Hospital, and never had that spirit been so good as at the present time. Realising the difficulties of the hospital, the nursing staff under the leadership of the matron had been helping the Board to raise funds for the hospital. The Board felt it was now their turn to do something for the nursing staff.

The accounts we have received from South Australia of the historic Pageant of the "noblest profession in the world" recently presented in the Centennial Hall, Wayville, South Australia, during the South Australia Nurses' Centenary Reunion, show it to have been highly successful and pleasurable. Some 170 nurses took part in the Pageant, and nearly

2,000 South Australian Nurses were present, all wearing identification discs. The Pageant represented the growth of Nursing from the days of Sairey Gamp to "the Mechanical Nurse" of the future. Outstanding figures were Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell, some of the early Matrons and Nurses in South Australia, dating from 1860, and the Army Sisters in their grey and scarlet uniforms made an impressive scene, and much hilarity was caused by the nurse of 1990, hired by the hour like a vacuum cleaner, and "easy to keep in order."



GAS-PROOF CLOTHING
Members of the "Decontamination Patrol."

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