

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been pleased to approve the appointment of a long list of Queen's Nurses: 83 allocated to work in England; 5 in Wales; 13 in Scotland; and 3 in Ireland.

We have to congratulate our colleagues of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, that after many days their agitation for the appointment of Directresses in the different Provinces, a great step forward has been taken. Miss Dora Chadwick, S.R.N., S.C.M., F.B.C.N., the President of the Association, has been made Principal Matron of the Madras Nursing Service, and she now works in the office of the Surgeon-General of the Government of Madras. We feel sure wonderful progress in nursing organisation will be effected, through the co-operation of medical and nursing personnel.

We have great pleasure in presenting the portrait of Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., recently elected on to the Council of the British College of Nurses specially to represent the interests of Fever Nurses, and the interests of Nursing in Infectious Diseases Hospitals.

Miss McLoughlin's professional career has included a wide and varied experience in many branches of nursing. Trained at the Portsmouth Royal Hospital, in general nursing, she then gained experience in Fever Nursing at Swindon Isolation Hospital and as Ward Sister at Portsmouth Isolation Hospital. This was followed by two years' Private Nursing, and later from 1915 to 1919 Miss McLoughlin served her country as a Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. at home and in Egypt, later holding positions as Assistant Matron and Matron, until appointed Matron of East Ham Infectious Diseases Hospital—a post she still holds. Miss McLoughlin is a lady of great charm and organising ability. She believes in nurses taking an active part in the organisation of their own profession, and thus helping to maintain progress on well-considered lines. She is an active member of the British College of Nurses and has done much to promote

its success. She helped to found the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association and has been its President for three years. She is also a member of the Fever Nurses' League, serving on its Executive Committee for some years. Miss McLoughlin thus sets a fine example in professional duty to her colleagues throughout the Nursing World.

Generous members of our profession have sent many gifts from the Dominions to colleagues in Britain, tea taking precedence. Now the Board of Trade has issued a ukase concerning parcels, in the following terms:

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New Councillor, British College of Nurses.

and we therefore welcome the annual issue of *League News*, the official organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. This year it is shorn of a little of its glory, but every page is proof of the wonderful courage, power of organisation, and determination to carry on in every department of the hospital's good work. Alerts, bombs, fires, floods—all apparently taken in a stride. Very important is the fact that the Medical and Nursing Schools are in full swing at dear old Barts., and although the Nursing staff is a fluctuating one between Barts. at home and Barts. in the country,

Loyalty to the hospitals in which we have been privileged to work is strongly developed in the majority of nurses,

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