

### NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of 94 Queen's Nurses for service—64 in England, 5 in Wales, 20 in Scotland, and 3 in Ireland, to date from April 1st, and 1 in Scotland and 1 in Ireland to date from January 1st.

A free issue is now being made of outdoor uniform to all employed members of the Civil Nursing Reserve who give whole-time service or who are regularly employed for a minimum of forty-eight hours a month.

The issue will cover Red Cross and St. John members of the Civil Nursing Reserve who wish to have the Civil Nursing Reserve outdoor uniform and who are prepared to wear it on Civil Nursing Reserve duty.

The uniform consists of a grey-blue gabardine coat, raglan style, with a belt, a collar edged with red ribbon, a separate fleece-lining, and a blue felt hat with a red band.

A woven badge with the words Civil Nursing Reserve is provided to be worn on the left side of the coat, and a white metal badge bearing the same words (similar to that provided for the indoor uniform) for the front of the hat. In place of this hat badge, Red Cross and St. John members may wear the metal badge of their own organisation.

Trained nurses will be provided with two strips of red ribbon to be worn on either side of the collar of the coat, and assistant nurses with one strip.

From the picture on this page it will be seen that the uniform is very neat and becoming. Let us hope all those permitted to wear it will be careful to do it justice.

With the best intentions in the world the Government can never effect equality in any rationing scheme between rich and poor. Money wins every time. But generous people can do much to help; thus, how about cigarettes, which have of late years apparently been indispensable to nurses? Let them realise that every

whiff is depriving our fighting forces of this solace in their terrible struggle, and we feel sure nurses will cease self-indulgence.

We used to love a new frock, especially from the Rue de la Paix, and realise the pleasure derived from fresh apparel, and now the Government has decided vanity must be nipped in the bud, and old clothes satisfy the craving for change. For a few days nurses feared for their uniform, but matters are to be arranged. It is imperative that nurses should be clean, and if it is to be on a coupon ratio, the allowance must be based on a hygienic scale.

People who love old clothes will be in their element. "Just fancy," a woman remarked, "now I may be as shabby as I choose; how lovely, and feeling patriotic all the time."

There has been a good deal of chortling in Government circles of how well the coupon secret was kept. Why not? We should just like a peep into Ministerial wardrobes and then send all the superfluous garments for sale to the Salvation Army!

The Y.W.C.A. is alive to the needs of military nurses in the Middle East, for which they are sincerely grateful.

Temporary premises for a Y.W.C.A. Nursing Services' Club have been opened in Jerusalem for the benefit of Army nurses in Palestine. They include a hostel for nurses coming in from the desert on short leave. Later the club will be moved to part of a pilgrims' hospice overlooking the Mount of Olives. It is hoped to start another centre before long somewhere on the coast, in order to give bathing facilities.

In Egypt the first Y.W.C.A. Club has proved so popular

that another three flats have been taken over in order to provide eight more bedrooms and reception rooms, and a second centre is planned at Port Said. Finally, arrangements have just been completed for a houseboat on the Nile, where nurses from the desert can enjoy rest and recuperation. It has accommoda-



OUTDOOR UNIFORM OF THE CIVIL NURSING RESERVE.

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