

Nursing Echoes.

SIR GEORGE AYLWEN, so long associated with Rahere's Hospital, now affectionately known as "Bart's," has announced that this renowned place of healing can, under the National Health Service, use only 420 of its 750 beds.

To deprive citizens of the help so ably given since the year 1123 cannot augur well for the future success of this service.

Many ladies trained within this citadel have added glory to the noble Profession of Nursing.

If this blow has fallen upon an Hospital of Bart's outstanding reputation we fear for the fate of many others.

SENIOR NURSES who are interested in this branch of nursing are invited by the Matron to attend some Lectures on Neurological Nursing at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London.

On May 2nd, Dr. J. G. Greenfield will talk on "Cerebral Tumours"; on May 9th and 16th, Dr. J. N. Cumings will deliver Lectures on "Commoner Pathological Examination." These lectures commence at 6 p.m.,

THE second of the courses for ward sisters arranged by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London will open on June 20th, 1949, and will be of 15 or 16 weeks' duration. The course is open to State Registered Nurses who have had at least a year's experience in hospital after qualifying, and who are nominated by Management Committees or Boards of Governors of hospitals in the four Metropolitan Regions, to which they will return as sisters after taking the course. The cost of tuition and residence are defrayed by the King's Fund. Applications for the remaining vacancies for the second course should be sent in as soon as convenient and for later courses at any time. Application forms and nomination forms may be obtained from the Principal, The Staff College, 147, Cromwell Road, S.W.7.

IN connection with the retirement in rotation of one third of the members appointed to serve on the Regional Hospital Boards in England and Wales, we congratulate the following State Registered Nurses on being re-appointed for a term of three years: Leeds Regional Hospital Board, Miss M. F. Dykes; Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, Miss A. Wetherell; East Anglian Regional Hospital Board, Miss J. G. Thompson; Oxford Regional Hospital Board, Miss R. R. Jolliffe; South Western Regional Hospital Board, Miss R. C. Shackles; Welsh Regional Hospital Board, Mrs. E. Owen; Manchester Regional Hospital Board, Miss L. G. Duff Grant, R.R.C.; and Liverpool Regional Hospital Board, Miss M. Jones, O.B.E., R.R.C.

New State Registered Nurses appointed are: North-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, Miss M. L. Hall; and North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, Miss Rootham, to whom we wish a happy and useful term of office.

SHORT service commissions of two, three or four years are now being granted in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, as an interim measure pending the

building up of the Army Nursing Service to its peacetime establishment. Candidates must be British subjects of British parentage and on the general register of the General Nursing Council. The age limit on application is 35 years, but in special cases it may be raised to 40.

THE new edition of the Quarterly News Letter of the National Council of Nurses can now be obtained from headquarters, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1. Price 3d.; annual subscription 1s. It contains details regarding the Interim Conference to be held in Stockholm, and gives in full the programme arranged for the Conference period, and also important announcements for those nurses attending the Conference. Many nurses are getting anxious over accommodation arrangements that are being made for them by the Swedish Nurses Association, but those who have filled in the requisite accommodation forms requesting the Swedish Nurses Association to arrange for their accommodation will be advised by Miss F. Rowe, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Nurses, of the addresses where they will be staying in Stockholm as soon as this information is received from Sweden.

NURSES in this country who have followed the activities of the Frontier Nursing Service amongst the mountains of Kentucky will learn with regret of the death, on February 8th, of Miss Dorothy Farrar Buck, so well beloved, and affectionately known as "the Bucket," after a long and trying illness.

On January 1st of this year she had completed twenty-one years of work with the Service, and a cake, bearing twenty-one candles, was taken to her bedside.

Her love of children and animals knew no bounds, and the people of Kentucky, and the Frontier Nursing Service in particular, have suffered a grievous loss.

Dedication of the Memorial to Dr. Frederick William Ellis, by the Venerable C. G. St. M. Parker, M.A., Archdeacon of Aston, Birmingham.

ON Sunday, March 27th, in the Chapel of Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, there was dedicated a memorial to the late Dr. F. W. Ellis, erected by the staffs, relatives and friends in commemoration of his pioneer work for the Borough City Hospitals, 1909 to 1939. He was Medical Superintendent of Dudley Road Hospital, 1911 to 1939. The memorial took the form of a Triptych and mural decorations of the apse, together with silver candlesticks and a silver alms plate. The centre panel is a coloured representation of the Virgin and Child. The panel on the left shows St. Luke, and that on the right, St. Bartholomew.

The whole setting on the day of the dedication was a beautiful one. The flowers gathered from the garden were of pastel shades which exactly toned with the colouring of the Triptych. The service was simple and dignified. Student nurses and sisters formed the choir. After the dedication the Archdeacon gave an address, which served to remind the congregation of Dr. Ellis's greatness in his work, in every branch of hospital service, and of the sincere and kindly dispositions of a man whose life had been to so many an inspiration and encouragement.

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