

**Nursing Echoes.**

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ON Wednesday, March 28th, at 3.30 p.m., the new premises of "Bovril" will be opened at 152, Old Street, City Road. An invitation is courteously issued to members of the nursing profession to inspect the factories on this occasion, when samples of the Government rations provided for the troops in South Africa will be shown.

There are many nurses who believe implicitly in the virtues of Bovril, and with good reason. Have they not tested its excellencies, and pronounced it second to none as a pick-me-up? We feel sure, therefore, that many of them will welcome this opportunity of seeing the works where this excellent article is produced, and of learning something of the process by which it is manufactured.

PERHAPS we might be permitted to impress upon our readers that the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton is essentially a Holiday Home, and not a convalescent hospital. We feel constrained to make a few remarks in reference to this subject, owing to two cases which have been brought to our notice, in which we feel compelled to strongly condemn the conduct of two nurses.

CASE ONE.—A few months ago, a telegram was received by the Matron from a nurse from a large London hospital, desiring admittance, she having had the regulations stating that no nurse could be admitted on recovering from infectious disease, or who had been attending an infectious case. Two days after admittance, the nurse developed a sore throat, and upon enquiry she stated over and over again, both to the Matron and medical attendant, that she had not come in contact with an infectious case. She was isolated, and attended wholly by the Matron, who, in nursing her, was required to personally insufflate her throat, thus running great risk of infection. A culture was taken, and the nurse was found to be suffering with diphtheria. It was not until she had been removed to the fever hospital that she admitted that, immediately before admittance to the Home, she had been acting as special nurse to a case of diphtheria, from which a fellow nurse had already contracted the disease. Such conduct upon the part of a nurse is too reprehensible for words, and proves her

absolutely unfitted for her profession, for not only did she lie persistently both to the Matron and doctor, but she actually allowed Mrs. McIntyre and others to run the risk of contracting this terrible disease. The worry and expense attendant upon the disinfecting of rooms, and the prevention of other nurses being admitted to the Home, are minor though annoying matters.

CASE TWO.—Within the past week, the Matron received a wire from London Bridge Station, saying "Arriving to-night, single room for a week," thus purposely preventing her having the opportunity of making enquiries. The nurse arrived at 7 p.m., and, upon being questioned, it turned out that she is on the staff of a large London hospital, and had come straight from a fever hospital where she had been warded with scarlet fever. She knew the regulations, and made the statement that the Matron of the Fever Hospital had advised her not to say what had been the matter with her, or where she came from. This nurse was, very rightly, refused admittance to the Home of Rest.

As some hundreds of nurses avail themselves of the benefits of the Home every year, and as we feel sure the large majority would not do so if there were any risk of infection for themselves or their patients, we hope that we shall never again have to refer to such unconscientious and heartless conduct upon the part of a nurse.

CONSIDERABLE interest is still being evinced in the local press at Eastbourne upon the question of the representation of women on the Committee of the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital. Colonel E. W. Shaw, who brought forward a resolution on this subject at the Annual Meeting of Governors, which was, unfortunately, lost, says:—"We all remember, or ought to remember, that our revered Princess Alice lost her life through her devotion as a nurse to her child. Is it not, then, strange to think that a majority of Governors of a hospital erected to her memory should refuse to allow any of her own sex to take part in its management?"

It is, in our opinion, passing strange, and, what is more, it is most unjust. Exactly the same attitude is adopted by those who extol the statesmanship and the business capacity of our revered Queen, and then inconsequently deny to her sex the right to a share or representation in the government of the country. The daily press has been filled, of late, with panegyrics on Queen Victoria, and she truly has won, not only the affection of the British nation, but its admiration, as a sovereign of unusual mental acumen. But the same people who admit that the reign of

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