

Nursing Echoes.

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At the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum a cooking class has been established for the probationary nurses. This is an excellent step, on which the Matron, Miss S. A. P. Hannaford, a Member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, is much to be congratulated.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"Last week I visited the hospital ship *Albert* (Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen), now in Lowestoft Harbour. The deck presented a very unusual and gay appearance, for a Bazaar in aid of the Mission was in full force. After making some purchases and drinking tea, I went down below, where I found much of interest. The ward, with accommodation for six patients, was in beautiful order. Across a beam I read the words, 'I am the Lord that healeth thee.' 'Do you have bad cases here?' I asked my conductor. 'Pretty bad—smashes so often take place on the fishing smacks.' 'And do you help in the hospital work?' 'Yes, I've been on for two years, and have passed the necessary exams.' I was then shown the stretcher which is sent to the smacks for helpless patients, the doctor's room, with its shining wash-hand basin fitting into the wall, and a cunning contrivance for a bath below the floor, the neat little dispensary, and incomparable pantry, and the cosy workers' room, and came to the conclusion that the patients must find themselves in clover. Coming again on deck, I noticed that round the wheel were the words, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men,' and heartily wished the Mission success in the aid it seeks to give, both to the souls and bodies of the toiling fishermen of the rough North Sea."

Rev. James Grieve, Minister of the Parish of North Ronaldshay, the most isolated island of the Orkney group, and on which there is no doctor, pleads for assistance to raise the necessary funds to maintain a Queen's Jubilee Nurse. He says, "We are now practically without a nurse, the last being over 80 years of age. We have formed an association in the island, and have raised nearly

£20 for this purpose. This is a large sum, considering that the inhabitants are all small crofters. Substantial assistance will, however, be required before we can meet the requirements and secure the promised nurse from the institute. The Very Rev. Dr. Macleod, 1, Woodlands Terrace, Glasgow, has kindly consented to receive contributions from Glasgow and the West for this most necessary object."

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An article on "Hospital Nursing in Buluwayo," appeared in *South Africa* in April, containing amongst other things the alleged statement of one of the nurses that "lives are being thrown away through their (the nurses) carelessness and neglect." Naturally, the Chairman of the Hospital could not allow such a statement to pass without investigation, and it now appears that this article was "taken over" from the *Nursing Mirror*, as our contemporary publishes a letter from the Chairman, Mr. E. Ross Townsend, which concludes as follows:—

"The nurse, who wrote private letters which have been published in the *Nursing Mirror*, a supplement to the *Hospital*, in the form of an article taken over by you, states that:

- (1) She did not write the article as it stands, though parts of it are exact copies of letters written at different times to private persons.
- (2) That all such letters were not intended for publication, and were not sent to the *Nursing Mirror*.
- (3) That the article was published without her knowledge and consent.
- (4) That it is a garbled, inaccurate, and wholly unauthorised account of her experiences here.

Under the circumstances, my Board trust and believe that you will speedily take such steps as may be necessary to counteract the harm which must be done to the Institution by the publication of an article which is not only unauthorised but is obviously a gross misstatement of facts.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. ROSS TOWNSEND,
Chairman of Memorial Hospital Board.

Memorial Hospital, Buluwayo."

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THE following account of a somewhat unusual case is given by Dr. Robert Howard, on the staff of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, who is stationed on the island of Likoma, in Lake Nyasa. It is, further, interesting as showing incidentally the need which has been emphasized in this journal for medical men to have some practical experience of nursing. Dr. Howard writes:—"I think you might be interested to hear of a sudden and really rather stirring medical call that I had the other day. On the morning of April 5th, at about 6.25, as I was dressing, Paul, the *capitao* of the 'Mary,'

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