

NURSING ECHOES.

The Nursing Journal of India announces that Miss Bonser, Matron of the Indian General Hospital, Karachi, who at present holds the honourable position of President of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, has consented to become Editor of the Journal. This is good news for the Organized Nurses' Societies of India, as the loss of their official organ would have been disastrous to their interests in these stirring times, when after Peace is signed the nurses of the world will be eager to resume their international relations, and meet once more at those delightful, uplifting Conferences so wonderfully arranged by the International Council of Nurses. The Superintendents and nurses of India, in spite of distance, have always taken an active and helpful part in the Conferences, and their Journal has done much to keep them in touch with their colleagues in other parts of the world.

The Editor of the pioneer Nursing Journal, *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, welcomes Miss Bonser into the charmed circle of Trained Nurse Editors, and wishes her all the success deserved by those who venture into this arduous arena of work for the welfare of our beloved profession.

Mr. Robert Hardie, who left £10,000 to charity, bequeathed to his nurse, Miss Plumley, the sum of £3,000.

Miss Armitage, the Matron of the Drayton Cottage Hospital, has been awarded a war bonus of £25, in recognition of the excellent manner in which she has carried out her duties during the war, and considering the fact that she is paid a much lower salary than other Matrons in a similar position.

We hope the Committee will not have to advance the latter argument for long, as they are evidently fully aware of the value of their Matron.

Another "Edith Cavell" Rest Home for Nurses has been opened. The Edith Cavell Homes Committee exists, as our readers know, for the purpose of establishing homes of temporary rest and relaxation for trained nurses and probationers, who are or have been employed in civil or military hospitals, or in any nursing capacity whatever, and who have become in need of a respite from duty.

Through the kind instrumentality of Mrs. Poland Burke, O.B.E., one of these homes has just been opened in Eastbourne. Used as a nurses' hostel during the war, the beautiful house, known as Knightsbrook, Grassington

Road, was offered to and accepted by the committee, and the first contingent of nurses, numbering ten, has already arrived.

Coming from various parts, it will be a real pleasure to the visitors to find what a great deal has been done towards ensuring their comfort and happiness at Knightsbrook. Mrs. Burke is an indefatigable worker on behalf of all members of the nursing profession, and Miss Barford, who has been matron at the hostel since November, 1917, and who has assumed the rôle of lady superintendent, has likewise spared no effort to have the house made attractive and comfortable. The cooking and housework will be undertaken by two ladies, who have been acting as V.A.D.s during the war, assisted by daily workers.

From the left of the spacious, tiled hall one enters the sitting-room, a large, airy apartment with a southern aspect and overlooking the lawn. Its big, cosy arm-chairs, with their lovely cushions, are very inviting, and offer the ideal of comfort and rest to those whose work for others gives them so very little real leisure. There is a piano, too, and from every corner emanates the delicious perfume of yellow daffodils and mimosa.

The cubicles upstairs are compact and furnished on practical lines, yet withal the atmosphere is homely and cheerful, and spotless cleanliness exists everywhere. The dining-room is downstairs, where there is also a convenient and well-equipped cloak room.

Mrs. Burke would be very grateful to any ladies or gentlemen good enough to assist her in providing outings and entertainments for the guests at Knightsbrook. Drives or visits to the theatre would be greatly appreciated, as would also gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, or other luxuries.

THE PASSING BELL.

The announcement of the death of Miss Rosa Macdonald at an advanced age will recall to some of the older members of our profession who were trained at Charing Cross Hospital in the 'eighties a notable personality. "Sister Rosa," as she was known, was one of the nursing sisters of St. John the Evangelist, who were then located in Norfolk Street, Strand, and was for some years Matron of Charing Cross Hospital. Those who were trained under her will still remember the high standard of nursing detail that she required from her nurses. That her reign was autocratic cannot be denied, but her ideals were high, and the probationer who fell short of them had very short shrift. Much of the excellency of the pioneer private staff of St. John's House was due to those nurses who had stood the test of Sister Rosa's standards. May she rest in peace.

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