

### NURSING ECHOES.

The South London District Nursing Association, 109, North Side, Clapham Common, which has a fine record of over forty years to its credit, held an "At Home" on December 22nd, at St. Barnabas' Church Hall, Lavender Gardens, S.W. In the absence of the Rector of Clapham, the Rev. Max Williams, Vicar of St. Barnabas, took the chair, supported by Mrs. Hook (wife of Bishop Hook), Miss Edith Cole (Hon. Secretary of the Association), and Miss Stanford.

The Vicar said that during the last eleven years he had been in close touch with the work of the South London District Nursing Association. He knew no higher work than nursing, and the South London Association upheld the highest traditions of the profession.

Mrs. Hook also said that a nurse's calling was one of the highest in the world, and it was absolutely wonderful what she could do. When the nurse came, one at once felt safe. Everybody was not called to hold such a high place among the world's workers as that held by a nurse, but all could do their share in succouring the poor and the sick. There was great need for co-operation, and the world would be a wonderful place if our watchword were "Each for all and all for each."

The speaker, in appealing for funds which are much needed, said that money, when rightly used, is the most sacred thing on earth. While it was true that no amount of money could save a soul or heal a body, money could be so used that these things were realised.

The announcement of an outbreak of diphtheria at the Dulwich Hospital was made at a meeting of the Southwark Board of Guardians by Miss Gow (Chairman of the Hospital Committee), who reported that a Sister, a probationer and a patient had contracted the disease. She followed it up by drawing attention to a report by the Medical Superintendent, that "in view of the outbreak of infectious disease, it is very unsatisfactory that the diet of the staff should be, as regards margarine, unpalatable to most of them. A nurse exposed to these dangers should be adequately fed, or her risks are greatly increased." He added that less than half the quantity of margarine allowed for the nurses was drawn; a number were simply going without, and others were buying their own butter.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Savage, said that "things had come to a very critical position at

the hospital"; he was anxious to get the butter question settled that evening.

It was moved and seconded by Mr. Haines and Miss Brown that the whole staff be granted a supply of butter, whereupon Mr. Burrows reminded the Guardians that hundreds of rate-payers in Southwark had to be content with margarine, upon which Mr. Rochell retorted: "If you eat grass, there is no reason why other people should also eat it." On the motion being put, "the Ayes had it," and the nurses are to be allowed butter. Mr. McCarthy then tabled a notice of motion for the next meeting extending the privilege to all inmates of institutions over sixty.

Our readers have noted with pleasure the foundation and great success of the Scottish Nurses' Club, inaugurated a few years ago at 205, Bath Street, Glasgow—a scheme which has been so successful that it has enabled the Trustees to extend it and acquire No. 203, next door. During our recent visit to Glasgow we had the great pleasure of visiting the Club and seeing over both houses, which were filled to their utmost capacity for the Annual Reunion Dinner of the Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

Bath Street is full of fine old family mansions, and it is in two of these capacious houses that the activities of the Nurses' Club are carried on, under the very able direction of the Secretary, Miss M. R. Stewart. The entrance is at No. 203, on either side of the Hall of which are large rooms; to the left, a most comfortable sitting-room, around the fire of which a happy party of nurses were grouped; on the right, the large dining-room, the back and front rooms available, with nice little round tables for meals. Here at the far end was a platform and piano, where lectures and entertainments can be given. Upstairs, every room has been adapted for bedrooms, excepting the beautiful drawing-rooms of the new house, the front awaiting furniture, the back already adapted for a fine library and committee-room. The bedrooms are most sensibly and prettily furnished, divided by curtains where there is more than one bed; wardrobes line every available inch of passage space, and are eagerly rented; and the bathrooms have been modernised. Of special features there are many. One we noted was the most useful little laundry-room, where blouses, caps, stockings, hankies and fal-lals can be "got up" free of cost—a great saving in a nurse's expenditure. In the basement there is a splendid box-room, all nicely fitted

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