

Annotations.

THE KING'S NURSES.

The daily bulletins which have been issued concerning the progress of His Majesty the King have been eagerly scanned by thousands, and the names of the eminent physicians and surgeons appended to these announcements have given confidence to an anxious nation that the King's treatment is in skilful hands. So many responsible duties are, under modern conditions, entrusted to trained nurses that much satisfaction would have been felt had the precedent established in the case of the late President of the United States been followed, and the names of the nurses who are attending His Majesty, with the schools in which they received their training, been also made public. Desirous of furnishing reliable information on this point, we applied for it from an official source, but up to the time of our going to press we have not received the information desired. Rumour has it that Miss Haines, of the London Hospital, who has had special experience in the nursing of cases of appendicitis, and has previously been employed in the Royal household, is nursing the King by day, and that his night nurse is Miss Fletcher, a staff nurse from Miss McCaul's nursing home in Welbeck Street. The Queen, whose devotion to duty is well known, spends much of her time in the sick-room and personally assists in the nursing. Her Majesty was present when the King was first removed from his bed to the couch which has been specially constructed for his use. The progress of the Royal patient shows that whatever nurses have been charged with his care have performed their responsible duties in an efficient manner.

OUR TWENTY-POUND PRIZE.

We have great pleasure in announcing that we are commemorating the first issues of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* by offering a prize of £20 to the winner of our Prize Puzzles for July, under conditions which we publish on another page. We do so in the hope that the winner of the prize will spend it upon a holiday abroad. Nothing is so delightful, and at the same time so educative, as travel. Not only does it afford the benefits to be obtained from a thorough change of scene and environment, but it enlarges the mind by bringing it into contact with persons and things presenting totally different points of view from those by

which we are usually surrounded. It opens to us vistas of beauty in new countries of whose loveliness we had only dimly dreamed, and it unfolds to us treasures of art of whose fame we had heard, but which we scarcely hoped to see. The sum of £20 will enable the winner to take a holiday in the lovely fjords of Norway, to explore the beauties of the Alps, it will unlock to her gaze the art treasures of many a foreign city, or take its possessor for a cruise to the northern capitals of Europe. We hope that whoever is the lucky winner of this prize will send us a long and interesting letter descriptive of her travels.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR NURSES.

Now that nursing is adopted as a profession by many thousands of educated women, the desire evinced by trained nurses to make provision during their working days for times of sickness and for old age is frequently expressed to us in the form of inquiries as to the best method in which they can save, and invest their savings, to meet those inevitable contingencies of life. We have always advised our readers that the best and most successful form of thrift is by some form of insurance at a first-class office. By this means, they obtain absolute security for their money; secondly, they are more or less compelled to keep up their thrifty savings because the premiums must be paid regularly; and thirdly, they are saved all worry and trouble as to investments. They know precisely how much they have to put by every year, and precisely what they will gain by so doing. In the United States, special inducements are offered to nurses by various offices, and we are pleased to learn that one of the most important of these—the New York Life Insurance Company—has now determined to offer its benefits to English nurses also. It is an office of the highest standing, with invested funds of more than £60,000,000. Its scheme for nurses is, briefly, that by paying in a fixed sum every year for a stated number of years, the nurse can, at the end of that time, withdraw the total sum so deposited, together with good interest upon it; or the company will pay her then a regular annual income for the rest of her life. The terms offered by this company are very liberal, and we commend the scheme to the notice of our readers. They can obtain full particulars by writing to the company at their London offices, Trafalgar Square, W.C.

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