

## Nursing Echoes.

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Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, before resigning her office was commanded by the Queen to Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty received Miss Browne privately and with her usual graciousness and charm entered into a long conversation with the retiring Matron-in-Chief, in the course of which she expressed her great interest in the welfare of the Nursing Service for which she has done so much. It was a pleasant ending to an illustrious, army nursing career, and a well-deserved honour.

"View Day" at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which this year will take place on May 9th, is regarded with much affection by old Bart.'s nurses, and most of those to whom it is possible to visit their training school on that day. This year a special effort is being made by Bart.'s men to substantially increase the amount already subscribed towards the new Pathological Block, and at 5 o'clock a meeting will be held in the Library with this object. At 2.30 p.m. the buildings in course of erection for the New Out-patient and Special Department Block will be on view and many nurses will, no doubt, avail themselves of this opportunity for seeing them.

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Miss Ada Espley was elected a member. Nurses who trained in the eighties will remember that Miss Espley held the position of Night Superintendent.

The question of nurses' hours on duty was brought before the House of Commons last week when Mr. Barnes asked the Secretary for Scotland whether he was aware that the Glasgow Parish Council had approved of new regulations for nurses in their employ, whereby the said nurses had had their average weekly hours of labour increased to seventy-one and their

maximum salaries reduced to £35; and, seeing that the Exchequer gave maintenance grants towards these nurses' upkeep, did the Government intend to sanction the new regulations? Mr. Sinclair answered: The facts are as stated. The Government has no power to interfere either with the regulations or with the present distribution of the grants. The regulations will not come into force for some weeks and a petition has now been presented to the Council by the nurses asking that they may have each alternate Sunday off duty, which I am informed will meet their wishes.

The Invalid Children's Aid Association, which is doing excellent work amongst the invalid children of the poor in their own homes, is now endeavouring to place children with incipient phthisis under open-air and favourable conditions. As in so many similar schemes, while the need is amply apparent the necessary funds are not forthcoming, and this new development of the work will be checked or postponed if money is not forthcoming. Nurses who work amongst such children know well what such treatment would mean to them, and will wish the scheme all success.

Fullest information concerning the society's work will be gladly furnished by the secretary, Mrs. Munro, at the office of the association, 69, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Westminster, S.W., by whom also subscriptions or donations will be gratefully received.

The efforts of Miss Milner to provide a Nursing Sister for the Cottage Hospital at Ober-Ammergau as a memorial from the English people of their appreciation of the work of its people has been crowned with success, and only the sum of £10 now remains to be subscribed to complete the required sum. Miss Milner feels if this fact is known there should be no difficulty in making up the sum for which she, with the hearty assistance of Mrs. Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawson, have worked so hard. It has been a labour of love, and Miss Milner hopes to present this endowment fund, the gift of the English people, headed by their King and his brother the Duke of Connaught, who both supported the scheme generously, in May next, when she pays her now annual visit to the beautiful village of Ober-Ammergau. Donations for this modest sum of £10 will be gladly received by Miss Milner, at Heworth Moor House, York.

Dr. Robert Jones, of Claybury Asylum, in a recent paper in the *British Medical Journal* on

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