

Nursing Echoes.

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There was a very pleasant "At Home" at the Howard de Walden Nurses Home, on Friday December 7th, when there was a show of the work of the Nurses' Needlework Guild. The visitors were most hospitably received by Miss Laura Baker, Sister in Charge of the Home, and Miss Gethen the Secretary of the Nurses' Co-operation

with which the Home is connected, and Miss Theobald Hon. Secretary of the Needlework Guild, combined to show every kindness and courtesy to those present. Tea was served in the restaurant, which always looks inviting with its walls lined with white and primrose coloured tiles, and its little tables at which friends can have a cosy time.

The garments made by the Guild which numbered about 400, were on view in the nurses' writing and sitting room, and comprised every kind of useful article from the always prized flannel shirts and nightdresses to babies' socks. There was also a big stock of comforters which will rejoice the heart of many a ward sister. The objects of the Guild are to collect warm clothing for distribution among such London Hospitals as may be decided upon at an Annual Meeting. Each nurse member contributes one garment, and sixpence yearly, and associates two garments and one shilling. Miss Theobald, the honorary secretary to whom communications should be addressed at The Limes, Welwyn, founded the Guild ten years ago, and has had the satisfaction of seeing the distribution of 5,000 garments in that time. Though the Guild was accorded the hospitality of the Club, it is not connected with the Nurses' Co-operation, but numbers amongst its members those from many institutions.

By kind permission of Miss Dashwood (Divisional Secretary for London) a Drawing Room Meeting and Sale of Work was held at 5, Cambridge Gate, on Wednesday in last week from 5—8 p.m.

On entering the house one breathed the

atmosphere of kindness; the benevolent looking butler who relieved one of one's cloak, the maids who dispensed coffee, tea, and refreshments were indefatigable in attending to the visitors, and the charming hostess, Miss Dashwood, made every nurse feel at home and an honoured guest by reason of her vocation. For it is the object of this Union (affiliated to the Y.W.C.A.) to help nurses to feel they have adopted a noble, unselfish and useful life. A fascinating and attractive feature of this meeting was the presence of the Rev. Samuel Schor and his young daughter, both dressed in the costumes of the Holy Land. Miss Schor was selling picture and other cards for the benefit of the hospital at Jerusalem, while Mr. Schor gave an illustrated picture of the habits and customs of the people in the Holy Land.

During the Autumn the Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League made a tour in the Northern counties, holding meetings for nurses in several of the chief centres. The towns visited were Derby, Nottingham, Liverpool, Leeds, Sunderland, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Glasgow. At Nottingham, where a fairly large branch of the League already existed, six meetings were held, some for members in the General Hospital, Women's Hospital and Union Infirmary, and one for district and private nurses. At Sunderland much interest in foreign missions had recently been aroused by the Church Missionary Society campaign, and all were in full sympathy with the work of the League. The meeting here resulted in several new members joining the N.M.L. At Edinburgh a member of the League, at present at home from China, was also able to be present at a large meeting for nurses at the Royal Infirmary. She spoke first about Missionary work in China, the Secretary following with an account of the work of the N.M.L. The tour has resulted in much awakened interest among the nurses in the provincial towns, and it is hoped that it will lead to an extension and deepening of the work of the League.

The Countess of Lonsdale, who was re-elected President, presided recently at the annual meeting of the Lowther and District Nursing Association, held at Hackthorpe School. The report showed that the nurse had attended 146 cases during the year. Nurse Knight, to the regret of all, resigned to go into Kent, and Nurse E. Richardson was appointed to fill the vacancy. The accounts were presented by the Treasurer, Major Parkin, who said if the subscriptions were not increased the Association

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