

Nursing Echoes.

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The Fifth Annual Conference and Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, to be held on Saturday, April 20th, at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., promises to be very interesting. It will be continued throughout the day in order to give all who desire an opportunity of being present. In the morning, beginning at 10.30, Miss K. Watney will speak on "What life is to a Chinese Woman," Mr. Theodore Lunt on "Our part who stay at home." From three to six there will be a *Conversazione*, when the speakers will be Dr. Sewell McFarlane (China), Mrs. Douglas Hooper, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. (East Africa), and Miss Wakeford, from India. At the evening meeting Dr. Moorshead will speak on "Mission Hospitals in India," and Mr. J. Jackson, F.R.G.S., on "Leper Asylums in the East."

An interesting meeting in aid of St. Helena's Home for Nurses, the medical branch of Bishop Blyth's work in Jerusalem, was held recently at 18, Gloucester Square, W., by the kind permission of Mrs. P. Leslie Agnew. Prebendary Ingram was in the chair, and the principal speaker was Miss Denny Umlin, who gave an interesting address on Jerusalem, illustrated by beautiful lantern slides. Mrs. Blyth, the wife of the Bishop, who often goes with the nurses when they visit their patients, also had an attentive hearing.

The Home was founded in 1903 by Mrs. Salmon, of Tockington Manor, Gloucestershire, who undertook to finance it for three years, hoping that at the end of that time it might have proved its value, and be taken over as part of the permanent work of the Mission. She died just after her grant had expired, and Bishop Blyth has now taken the Home for another three years. The nurses visit all who send for them, as far as possible, irrespective of religion or race. There is also a small dispensary where patients attend each morning. At present the staff consists of two English

nurses, both of whom were on the Roll of Queen's Nurses before they left England, and a native probationer. It is hoped soon that a lady doctor may be added to the staff. To both doctors and nurses the work is most interesting.

Funds to carry on the work are much needed, and a price list of native work to be sold in aid of this object will be sent on application to Nurse Moore, Cronkbourne, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The Duchess of Wellington has consented to preside at the bazaar which will be held at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, on June 11th, 12th, and 13th. The proceeds will form the only means available to many of the 250 patients of securing a little pocket money throughout the year. The bulk of the articles to be sold at the bazaar are made by the patients themselves.

The report of the Birmingham and Midland Women's Hospital shows a decreased percentage in the death rate as compared with the previous year. It was 2.3 per cent. as compared with 2.8 per cent. Everything appears to be highly satisfactory at this modern little hospital, with the exception of the finances. Subscriptions are urgently required to continue the work at its present high level. Miss Richmond, the Matron, and Miss Hawkins were thanked at the Annual Meeting for the efficient condition of the nursing department.

The Lady Margaret Hospital at Bromley, which was started entirely without funds, and is managed on fruitarian principles, has now an income of £800 per annum, and a balance in hand at the end of each year. There is no domestic staff, and the nurses take their turn at cooking and household work, in addition to ward duty. There is no doubt that we have much to learn as to the value of a fruit and vegetable diet, and that the majority of people eat far too much meat. A hospital managed on fruitarian lines is, therefore, an interesting experiment.

At the annual meeting of the Stockton, Thornaby, and District Nursing Association it was stated that a scheme for the improved training of nurses was being considered by the provincial associations throughout the country, which had been proposed by the Queen Victoria's Institute for Nurses, and that a distinct movement was evident amongst local Education Authorities to provide nurses for their elementary schools. It is suggested that

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