

## Nursing Echoes.

*\* \* \* All communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.*



Hundreds of Matrons and nurses attended the conversazione given by the Medical Staff in the New Outpatient Department at Bart's on Wednesday evening, and to show how nursing has come along, no section aroused more interest than the Nursing Exhibit arranged by the Matron and Sisters.. It was a delightful evening of which more anon.

Private Nursing Departments have been opened in connection with University College Hospital, and also St. George's Hospital, London. We very much hope that the members of both staffs will be offered the opportunity of working on the co-operation principle of taking their own fees, and paying a percentage on cases to the institution, as is now done at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

At the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, the winter series of lectures to the nurses has been begun by the Matron, Miss E. M. Fox, with an opening address on "Nursing Ideals." The course is divided into lectures on the "Theory and Practice of Nursing" on two evenings of the week, and Practical Classes and Demonstrations on two of the mornings, when instruction is given in all kinds of actual nursing duties, ward work, and bandaging.

There have been various alterations in the Rules and Regulations for the Nursing Staff, the most important being the lengthening of the term of training from 3 to 4 years. Probationers are received at the age of 21, so that they can finish their training by the time they are five and twenty.

The proposed Medical Organisation of the Territorial Army is now being taken seriously into consideration, and the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, addressing a meeting of his constituents at North Berwick on the subject, said in the course of

his speech, they knew of the enormous assistance the nursing profession gave during the South African War. God forbid that there should be a great war in this country, but they must be prepared for it, and they would not be prepared unless the nurses came to their assistance, as well as the physicians. They were going to ask the nursing profession to volunteer for duty in time of war in the Territorial hospitals according to a scheme which would shortly be put forward.

The Director-General of the Army Medical Service, Sir Alfred Keogh, M.D., K.C.B., has been addressing meetings of leading medical men in the large volunteer centres of Scotland, such as Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, with the view of making the scheme to be put forward for a Medical Service in connection with the Territorial Army as efficient, workable, and acceptable to the medical profession as possible. Dealing with hospital organisation, Sir Alfred Keogh said naturally where hospitals have to be provided nurses will be required, and the scheme includes the proposal of enlisting the support of the Matrons of the hospitals in large towns.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, it was decided to close the Sir Julian Goldsmid Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton. The conditions of nurses have so greatly changed since the Home was founded sixteen years ago that the class whom it was designed to benefit no longer exists. Most of the large hospitals have now convalescent homes attached, to which their nurses can be sent free of charge, and there are several seaside Homes kept up like that of the Merchant Taylors' Home at Bognor, which also admit nurses without payment. Happily nurses are now largely recruited from a class whose parents are able and desirous of providing for their convalescence. As a holiday home, 12, Sussex Square, has usually been full to overflowing for the summer months, but as there are now so many delightful places to which nurses and others can go for their holidays, there seems no need to incur the annual deficit of £250 which has been uniform for the whole time the Home has existed, and which for many years has been met by a few generous people, of whom the most generous has been Mrs. L. Lucas. Only two Matrons have presided over the Home during the sixteen years it has been open, and to both the Committee are indebted for the manner in which they have considered the happiness of the guests and the interests of the institution. Upwards of three thousand pounds has been subscribed towards the up-

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)