

Nursing Echoes.



The King, accompanied by the Queen, will attend the dedication service of the new chapel at the Royal Military Hospital, Millbank. The chapel is of classical design, and will afford accommodation for 150 worshippers. In the chapel are three alabaster tablets in memory of those who have died in the military hospitals of London; of Sister Georgina Mary, of the Community of St. John the Baptist, Clewer; and of the deceased members of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service. The last of these tablets is the gift of the medical officer. The cost of the chapel, the east windows, and the other two tablets has been borne by anonymous donors. The communion table, sacramental plate, reading desk, credence table, and harmonium were presented in 1905 by Sister Georgina Mary, of Clewer. The altar frontal is the gift of the Matron, Miss E. M. McCarthy, Sisters, and Staff Nurses of the hospital. The kneelers at the altar rails were worked entirely by some of the patients.

The Nurses' National Total Abstinence League has been exceedingly active during the past month. On May 26th a meeting was held at the St. Pancras Infirmary, Highgate, when Dr. Rushbrooke, of Stamford Hill, was the speaker. On Wednesday, June 16th, a large number of nurses accepted the invitation of Lady de Rothschild to meet at her residence, 19, Grosvenor Place, W. The Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke welcomed the guests on behalf of her mother. Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., gave an address in which he showed how "Drink, Dirt, and Disease" are linked together, and emphasised the necessity which exists that this truth should be taught widely and in a right manner. Mrs. Herbert Rhodes, Hon. Secretary of the League, brought its claims before the nurses present, and invited all who had not already joined to give in their names. Recitations given by Professor Miles were very greatly enjoyed. In connection with these meetings 41 new members have been gained for the Nurses' League.

The affairs of the Ladywell Committee of the Bermondsey Guardians have recently been attracting attention in the nursing world owing to the alleged friction amongst the nursing staff. During the last week the Guardians of the Union have had to deal with another com-

plication, namely, the disappearance from the Ladywell Workhouse of the Master, Mr. Brown, and the Receiving Wardswoman and Organist, Mrs. Parker. Statements reflecting on the characters of these officers having been made by certain officials, the Guardians held a special enquiry, with the result that at a recent meeting it was unanimously agreed that "the statements of E. E. G. Payne are untrue and without foundation in substance and in fact." This official, who refused to resign, was given a month's notice to leave the Guardians' service. The Board expressed their deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown, and also their sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Parker "as to the charges made reflecting upon the character of Mrs. Parker." So everything was happily settled, but the next day the Guardians must have received a somewhat rude shock when they learnt that Mr. Brown and Mrs. Parker had both left the institution, neither having leave of absence, and all efforts to discover their whereabouts subsequently proved fruitless. The workhouse, which has 1,000 inmates, was placed in charge of Mrs. Brown, who has returned from sick leave.

Although summer is long delayed, the summer sales have begun, and there are likely to be bargains in many departments. This week the sale at Messrs. E. and R. Garrould's, 150, Edgware Road, W., is in progress, and nurses with whom this establishment is always a popular rendezvous should not miss the opportunity of visiting it during the sale, or of sending for the illustrated catalogue if they are unable to do so. Pretty blouses, useful for summer holidays, walking skirts at most reasonable prices, and dress cases, trunks, and hat boxes, always in demand at this season of the year, are all on sale, and will well repay inspection.

A correspondent writes:—

"There have been several nice entertainments given during the summer to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association by various Matrons. On May 28th Miss Reeves, Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital for the Eye and Ear, and Miss Goulding, Matron of St. Edmondsbury Hospital for the Insane, Dublin, joined together in inviting nurses to Howth to a tea, and on June 9th they were asked by the Matrons of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum and Portrane Asylum, *i.e.*, Miss Hughes and Miss Burns, to another at Donabate. On Friday, June 18th, I was present at one given at Howth, a beautiful seaside place near Dublin, by our President, Miss Lamont, Superintendent, Q.V.J.I., joined by Miss Carson-Rae, Matron of Cork Street Fever Hospi-

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