

Nursing Echoes.



The King has sent through Lord Knollys the following letter to the British Consul at Nice, who called attention to the death of Miss Mundy, of Bristol, a nurse at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital at Nice:—"I submitted your letter to the King. His Majesty desires me to thank you for informing him of the death of Miss Kate Mundy, and to express his sincere regret at the sad accident which has happened to her. He will be glad if you will convey to the family his sympathy and condolence on their great loss."

The "At Home" given by the Nurses' Co-operation, at 35, Langham Street, Portland Place, W., on Friday afternoon, when the work of the Nurses' Needlework Guild was on view, was a very pleasant one. Miss Laura Baker, Sister in Charge of the Home, Miss Gethen, Secretary of the Co-operation, and the members of the staff, were most hospitable, and tea in their charming restaurant is always a pleasure. This year there was a larger show of work than ever before, 650 articles, well made, warm, and useful, being on view. Each nurse member of the Guild pays 1s., and makes, at least, two garments in the year. The money goes to buy such things as are not fashioned by women's fingers, notably boots and shoes, of which there was an excellent supply.

Many of the members sent delightful knitted jerseys; there were piles of shirts, socks, huggie-tights, children's petticoats, women's petticoats, well made nightdresses, bed jackets for the grannies, suits for little boys, a pile of 60 mufflers, the destination of which is Brompton Hospital, and other articles too numerous to mention, which will delight not only the recipients but Matrons and Ward Sisters, who are often sorely perplexed how to send out patients who have with difficulty been nursed back to convalescence, sufficiently clad. One table was given up to the babies, and all kinds of cosy and dainty garments for their wear were on view.

Miss Theobald, who for twelve years has done such good work as Hon. Secretary of the Guild, has this year felt compelled to resign, but in Miss Baker's capable hands we may be sure it will be well carried on.

The 650 garments were subsequently distributed between the following institutions: The London, Guy's, University College Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, the Metropolitan Hospital, the Central London Sick Asylum, Brompton Hospital for Consumption, the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C., the Clapham Maternity Hospital, Nazareth House, Hammersmith, the Queen's Hospital, Hackney Road, N.E., and Metropolitan Convalescent Home, Broadstairs.

A little bird whispers from Paris: "So much jealousy has been aroused in London by all the 'Salpêtriennes' (pupils at the Salpêtrière School for Nurses at Paris) being sent to St. Bartholomew's Hospital for training, that the demand of the London Hospital has been acceded to, and two pupils have now been allotted to that institution." Verily imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!

The Royal South Hants Nurses League has issued a second journal this year. The Brief Notes on the International Council of Nurses are most lucid, and might well be reprinted in leaflet form. Both Miss Mollett and Miss Lee-Smith deal with the Congress. Miss Mollett writes: "It was the healthy outcome of a healthy professionalism, not narrow, not self-centred, yet having its root in wholesome national and personal pride in individual work."

The annual report of Q.V.J.I., St. Lawrence's Catholic Home at Dublin, shows that during the past year the Home has doubled the staff of nurses who get there their training for district work before being sent to different parts of Ireland. During the six months that each nurse spends in the Home her entire services are devoted to nursing the sick poor of Dublin in their own homes. 53,734 visits were paid during the past year. Very special efforts will have to be made to meet the heavy financial strain caused by the great increase in the activity and usefulness of the Home.

A good deal of injured feeling has recently been aroused in Dublin owing to the Committees of important hospitals, appointing as Matrons ladies trained in London hospitals, in preference to those in Dublin. We are inclined to sympathise with this national feeling, especially as we are informed that "Irish nurses are temperamentally more sympathetic with their own people, also we are fully alive to our professional responsibility, both as regards education and legal status. The Irish nursing world is solid for standards, State Registration,

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