

Nursing Echoes.



We are not surprised to learn that public opinion has been a good bit roused over the question of bogus nursing homes, and that an Incorporated Federation of Nursing Homes is projected. The intentions of those public-spirited people, who are interesting themselves in this intricate question, are to be commended.

We are entirely in sympathy with them in their ultimate aim, of affording the public adequate information concerning the character and capacity of Nursing Homes, and to effect the repression of bogus institutions, but the scheme as it stands is, we fear, doomed to failure.

The Federation of Nursing Homes, for their own protection, would not have the desired effect, although the present agitation, the result of abuse in their midst, is, we fear, calculated to injure some excellent institutions in public estimation. What is required is that every citizen should urge County Councils to deal effectively with the registration and inspection of all Nursing Homes, and, if necessary, to project legislation for the purpose.

We have no wish to discourage anyone who realises the present discreditable condition of affairs, and who has time to agitate in the matter, but the federation of Homes governed by unprofessional people will, we feel sure, not provide the remedy.

Miss Ethel McCaul, R.R.C., who was sent on a mission to inspect the Japanese Red Cross Society's work, has had bestowed upon her the Russo-Japanese war medal. She was also honoured by a decoration from the Japanese Red Cross Society. At the Women's Congress at the Japan-British Exhibition Miss McCaul read a paper on the Red Cross Society of Japan.

The pretty patriot whose picture appears on this page is the little daughter of a nurse on the staff of No. 1 General Hospital of the City and County of London, who aspires to be a future member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service. She is wearing the badge of the Service presented to her mother by Queen Alexandra in March last.

A public meeting, arranged by Miss E. R. Wortabet, Lady Superintendent of the Hindhead Nursing Home, was recently held at Hindhead under the presidency of Mrs. Lionel Phillips, for the purpose of explaining the objects of the British Red Cross Society, when Colonel Grier, R.A.M.C., the County Director, gave an interesting address, and explained the War Office scheme for the organisation of voluntary aid for the sick and wounded in the event of war in the home territory. Colonel Grier said that Miss Wortabet had most generously and patriotically offered to provide accommodation for twelve wounded officers in the event of invasion, and to allow her Home to be the training centre for the Hindhead district. He explained the details of the scheme, and said that the duties of the voluntary aid detachments would be to receive the sick and wounded from the field ambulances and remove them to the general hospitals. Men and women would have to be trained for that work. The great



A Pretty Little Patriot.

difficulty throughout the country was with regard to practical training, but at Hindhead, thanks to the kindness of Miss Wortabet, that difficulty would not exist.

Miss Wortabet also spoke, and the Rev. G. P. Trevelyan, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speakers, said that the zeal, energy, and business capacity which Miss Wortabet had already displayed were things of which they could rightly be proud.

The Lady Inspector who has been sent down by the Local Government Board to inspect the Holbeck Union Workhouse Infirmary, con-

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