

NURSING ECHOES.

At a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund held at the Mansion House last week, when the Lord Mayor presided, awards to the following nursing associations were authorised:—Belvedere, Abbey Wood, £6; Brixton, £18; Central St. Pancras, £18; Chelsea and Pimlico, £18; Hackney, £24; Hammersmith, £42; Hampstead, £18; Isleworth, £12; Kensington, £42; Kilburn, £6; Kingston, £30; Lambeth Road (Catholic), £12; Metropolitan (Bloomsbury), £12; St. Olave's (Bermondsey), £18; Paddington and Marylebone, £40 16s.; Peckham, £12; Plaistow, £103 16s.; Plaistow (Maternity), £166 16s.; Rotherhithe, £12; Shoreditch, £54; Sick Room Helps Society, £28 16s.; Sidcup, £6; Silvertown, £18; South London (Battersea), £54; Southwark, £52 16s.; South Wimbledon, £36 12s.; Tottenham, £11 8s.; Westminster, £24; Woolwich, £36; East London, £150; North London, £60; London District, £300.

The nurses of the Kingston Infirmary recently held their annual garden party, which is always a most enjoyable function. As on previous occasions invitations had been extended to former nurses trained at the Infirmary and members of the Nurses' League, and many availed themselves of the opportunity for reunion afforded, some present not having been able to attend a similar gathering for a period of six or seven years. Letters of remembrance were received by the Matron, Miss A. Smith, from nurses in Russia, New Zealand, France, and many other places. Including several of the *Guardians*, the guests numbered about 120, and every one agreed that the party was delightful.

Canon Scott Holland, preaching in the Cathedral, Oxford, on behalf of hospitals, said that, passing down hospital wards, people saw poor scrofulous children, poor little girls and boys with their bodies rotten; they knew well why it was so. It was the sin of the parents which had put them there, and they all knew it. But for all that, the doctors and nurses, who knew it best, disregarded it—it had nothing to do with them. There might be a man, brought in full of festering evil, which it was perfectly clear was the result of his own lust and drink, but the doctors and nurses left that behind. Here was a man to be cured, and they would spend themselves on that man just as they would for the most innocent child.

All their skill, love and tenderness were for him; it was enough that he was suffering and that they could help him. So, the hospitals of our great cities were filled with a love which was born of Christ. The beautiful tenderness of nurse and doctor was the best similitude of what Jesus Christ did for them on the Cross.

By the kind invitation of Miss Carpenter-Turner, an interesting meeting of the Mothers' Union was recently held at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, when hospital, district, and maternity nurses in the city had the pleasure of hearing an address by Mrs. Sumner, Foundress and Hon. President of the Union, who said that it is now seven years since a definite effort was first made to gain the interest and co-operation of hospital nurses and other nurses in the Mothers' Union. During these years about 75 meetings have been held, and the results in many places have been most encouraging and satisfactory. Nurses are now among the regular workers of the Mothers' Union, and, as they go from place to place, they try to bring their patients into touch with local branches.

At the monthly meeting of the Catholic Nurses' Association at Lourdes House, Dublin, the Association unanimously agreed to give an annual subscription to Linden Convalescent Home, so that members needing change may be admitted there. The members and friends had their second outing on the 23rd ult. to the Hill of Howth, where a sumptuous tea was served. Unfortunately, the pleasure was somewhat marred by the heavy downpour of rain which came on during the evening.

The *International Hospital Record* states that the validity of the Illinois state law governing nurse registration is being tested in the court. Miss Velora E. Randel, supervising nurse, and Miss Marion Finn, head surgical nurse, at the Rhodes Avenue Hospital, at Chicago, have been arrested at the instigation of the State Board of Nurse Examiners, for using without authority, in the catalogue of the hospital, the title R.N. In case a verdict is rendered in favour of the State Board, the Rhodes Avenue Hospital officials announce their determination to appeal the case to the Illinois supreme court on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. It is altogether probable that the case will be appealed. If, as it appears, Miss Randel and Miss Finn have used, or have allowed to be used in connection with their names, the title R.N., they not being

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