

## NURSING ECHOES.

A course of addresses on "The War and the Kingdom of God" are being given under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League on the four Thursday evenings in November, from 7.45 to 9 p.m., at 33, Bedford Square, W.C., by kind permission of the Misses Gregory. The Chairman on each occasion will be Miss C. A. N. Trollope, and the speakers *Nov. 5th*, Mrs. Douglas Thornton (formerly of Cairo); *Nov. 12th*, Miss Mayers (S.P.G.); *Nov. 19th*, Miss Fairfield (Student Christian Movement); *Nov. 26th*, Dr. H. T. Hodgkin (formerly of China). All members and friends of the League are cordially invited to be present. Tea will be served.

On Saturday, November 14th, a sale of work, in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League, will be held at Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The League is confronted with many opportunities for usefulness, and as it depends largely upon the Sale for its income, the Committee earnestly invite support, in spite of the many claims upon everyone at the present time. Useful or fancy articles, cakes, sweets or money will be gratefully received by Miss H. Y. Richardson at the above address. Members of the League are asked to make the Sale known amongst their friends.

The autumn meeting of the Bristol and Somerset Board of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held at Bridgwater on October 28th. It was reported that the post-graduate training scheme had been much appreciated; four members had received training for some weeks—three in tuberculosis work in sanatoria, and one in a general hospital. Resignations of various Branch Secretaries were received with great regret by the Board.

The Board voted £10 to be paid out of its funds towards the expedition to be sent out to France for medical nursing, and sanitary work in the devastated areas, under the auspices of the Society of Friends, and £10 towards the expenses of the London office, the resources of which have had a heavy strain owing to the extra work put upon it owing to the War.

Mrs. Martin, who is organizing Maternity Centres and Schools for Mothers' Work in Somerset, was present, and explained the L.G.B. and Board of Education schemes to the Board. She is kindly willing to help any member of the N.U.T.N. in inaugurating this work in Somerset. If any member would like to avail themselves of Mrs. Martin's help,

application should be made to Miss Fry, the county organizer. It was felt that members of the Union might do very useful pioneer work in this direction, and some of the members are already starting the work in their districts.

The Weston-super-Mare Branch of the above Union held the first meeting of its autumn session on Thursday afternoon, the 29th ult., at Clarence Croft, by the kind invitation of Mrs. A. V. Pawson. Miss Browne presided. Dr. Roxburgh gave a very interesting lecture on "Pneumonia." A comprehensive account of the disease was given, together with the chief points to be observed in nursing it. The lecturer also pointed out that pneumonia is now known to be due to the action of a specific germ upon an enfeebled system, and should be regarded as an infectious fever; consequently the methods of treating it have changed very much.

The Branch Secretary announced that it was hoped to hold monthly meetings during the winter, and that Mr. F. W. Bere had kindly promised to give them a lecture in November on "Some Causes of the present European Crisis." A very pleasant afternoon concluded with tea.

The Bradwell Joint Hospital Committee have agreed to keep open the position of the Matron of the Sanatorium, Miss Carter, called up by the War Office for duty, and to make her salary up to the amount she receives in their service.

Miss Edna L. Foley, R.N., Superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago, which provides trained nurses for the needy sick in their own homes, is the author of an admirable "Visiting Nurse Manual," which is published under the auspices of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. Miss Foley, whom we had the great pleasure of meeting in this country recently, tells us that the book is not being put out through book-sellers, and is not sold with the intention of making money.

In the introduction to this interesting and most practical and useful manual, Miss Foley reminds the visiting nurse that "she should remember that she is not an isolated unit giving nursing care in various homes, but the trusted representative of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago. Her uniform implies trained skill, intelligence and authority. When wearing it, she is the paid agent of citizens whose liberality enables her to give this skill and training to people unable to provide it for themselves." Would that the nurse's uniform invariably conveyed the same meaning!

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