

### NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen has been presented by the French Red Cross Society with a jewel fashioned as a buckler, with a Crusader's sword. The centre is a Red Cross, surrounded with the arms of the allied nations. In acknowledging the gift, Her Majesty has expressed her warm appreciation of the thought which inspired it.

At the recent Annual Court of Governors of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, at which the Earl of Erroll, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Management, presided, the annual report expressed the Board's deep regret at the impending resignation of Miss Row, "who has been their most valued Matron for many years. This was to have taken effect in the autumn, but on the outbreak of war, at the earnest solicitation of the Board, Miss Row consented to remain at her post through the crisis. The Board were deeply grateful for the patriotism and spirit of self-sacrifice shown by her."

At the quarterly and special Court of the Governors of the London Hospital last week, the Chairman, Lord Knutsford, stated that the Committee had decided to build another Nurses' Home at the cost of £25,000 to enable them to increase their private nursing staff. The profession will realise that by this means another £20,000 a year of private patients' fees will be absorbed by this institution, and thus decrease their chance of independent practice after training. It is greatly to be deplored that the medical staff at the "London" supports this exploitation of a sister profession.

The Public Health Department have reported to the London County Council that Miss H. O. Devereux, a school nurse, in the service of the Council, has asked that, in the event of her marriage to her *fiancé*, now on war service, she may be allowed to remain in the Council's service until the conclusion of his war service. In the special circumstances obtaining, owing to the state of war, the Department recommend that Standing Order No. 343, relating to the resignation of women officers on marriage, be suspended, and that Miss Devereux's services be retained under the circumstances mentioned.

Nurse Margaret Colls, who was sentenced in November last to six months' imprisonment with hard labour on a charge of stealing diamonds from Bredhurst Vicarage, Kent, has been released by order of the Home Secretary

after serving about half her sentence. The Home Secretary's action has been taken at the suggestion of the Judge before whom the case was tried. The chalice at Bredhurst Church is studded with diamonds, and last autumn six of the stones were missed. Nurse Colls was charged with theft, and stated at the trial that when she left the vicarage, where she had been employed, the vicar gave her a small parcel, which she afterwards discovered contained six diamonds. She looked on the stones as a gift. She alleged that the vicar afterwards persuaded her to write a confession that she had stolen the diamonds. Her story was flatly contradicted by the vicar. Public opinion in the district was not satisfied with the verdict.

On February 28th an informal dedication service was held in the Chapel at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, in connection with the completion of the panelling of this now beautiful sanctuary. The entire Chapel is panelled in American walnut wood, the effect being exceedingly restful, and harmonious with the surrounding appointments. The carving is plain but tasteful. On the stalls at the west end of the Chapel is placed a tablet in memory of Sister Wittleton, a former nurse at the Hospital, and to her life and work the Rev. W. H. Orton (Chaplain) appreciatively referred at the impressive dedication service. The Chapel is being gradually restored, and the Matron, Miss K. Scott, and her staff are justifiably proud of it. The cost is borne by subscriptions from old members of the staff and nurses and their friends, and in yet a little while the Chapel will be still more beautiful. On tablets here and there are the names of those now gone who have given of their best in the service of the Hospital.

The Nurses' Missionary League has arranged a Quiet Day for Nurses, to be held on March 23rd at St. James' Church, Piccadilly. There will be Holy Communion at 6 a.m. and 9.15 a.m.

The morning and afternoon sessions, from 10-12.30 and 2.15-4.30, will be conducted by the Rev. D. C. Woodhouse, the subjects of addresses being:—

The Purpose of the Day.

The Present Opportunity—the Open Door.

Our Failures—the Closed Door.

The Power Available—the Living Christ.

The Life in Christ.

At 5.30 there will be shortened evening prayer, and at 7.30 a short service, with address on "Abiding in Christ," by the Rector.

All nurses will be welcome.

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